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OPTIMISM

INTERVIEWED on television last night, Foreign Minister Eban, who will be going to the U.S. to attend the U.N. General Assembly shortly, appeared to be in his customary optimistic frame of mind, sure apparently not only that Israel's record in Jerusalem was a great deal better than that of Jordan which can scarcely be disputed on the facts, but also that our case is so good that it must make an impression on the world and that the U.N. is a good place to present it.

Past experience leads one to fear that opinions and votes in the U.N. are pre-fabricated in the capitals from which the delegates hail, and mere facts produced later cannot dent these views.

The Jordanians were poor stewards who did not keep their promises: there was sniping in the divided city and stagnation. Under Israel administration many thousands of Arab workers cross the bare patches that were once walls or barbed wire every day to work in West Jerusalem, while the Jewish Quarter of the Old City that was so brutally plundered and destroyed is rising again. The city has never been so full of tourists, nor so full of life. It is no longer a city at the end of the road. Nevertheless, none of these arguments will interest the United Nations delegates in the least, for those hostile to Israel will be busy denouncing the fact that Israel has been putting up houses near the Hebrew University for people to live in, without U.N. permission, instead of pulling them down.

The U.N. will have to be treated as a ritual, almost arithmetical function, a sum-total of votes, for any reliance on the power of rational arguments will lead us astray once more, as it has done more than once on the subject of Jerusalem. In the past Mr. Eban emphasized last night that all the important problems, from Vietnam to Berlin, were being settled outside the U.N. If at all the problem of Israel and the Palestinians has also made some progress in the past year without the benefit of the U.N. We should ask the U.N. one single, clear question: do they prefer cities divided by barbed wire, or free and open to all?

Once in the U.S., Mr. Eban will have the optimism of Secretary of State Rogers to contend with. Mr. Rogers is not unduly anxious that withholding planes from Israel might encourage Egyptian military adventures. Nor does he seem worried by Egypt's recent political entanglements, either the treaty with the Soviet Union or the plans for federation with Libya and Syria, two countries militantly hostile to Israel and outspokenly opposed to a peaceful settlement under any circumstances. Both agreements could well jeopardize or prevent a partial settlement on the Canal, and in any case make any settlement far more risky for Israel than when Egypt was nominally independent and free to enter commitments.

It is not forgotten in Israel for one moment that proposals for discussions of the Rogers plan provided the excuse for the cease-fire that has been in force on the Canal for over a year now, and that some subject for discussion and some semblance of progress in discussion is required to make it easier for President Sadat to maintain the cease-fire. But that does not mean that the situation is helped at any stage by cavalier disregard of difficulties and dangers that undermine Israel confidence in U.S. advice and recommendations.

Berlin defector shot at wall

BERLIN (AP). — A would-be defector was wounded by East German machine gun fire about noon yesterday as he dashed through Communist border installations towards the Berlin Wall, West Berlin police reported.

Police said the man was struck in the legs by some of the 20 shots fired and knocked to the ground about 100 yards short of the wall.

Eban warns against Arab delusions if Phantoms not supplied

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent Foreign Minister Abba Eban warned last night that war might break out in the Middle East again if the Arabs, encouraged by continued U.S. failure to supply Israel with Phantom aircraft, were to delude themselves that the military balance was shifting in their favor.

Appearing on television's Moked programme, Mr. Eban suggested that the cease-fire could also be jeopardized by the adoption of "extreme" resolutions in the General Assembly. These, he said, might give the Arabs the illusion that they could safely resume the war under cover of world sympathy.

Mr. Eban welcomed U.S. Secretary of State William Rogers' plan to launch a "very active" diplomatic campaign in an effort to reach a partial agreement on the Suez by the end of the year. He rejected a suggestion that the deadline set by Mr. Rogers implied intended pressure on Israel: the next four months, he said, was neither too short nor too long a period of time, and the Secretary of State had not suggested that all prospects for a Suez settlement would vanish unless an accord were reached by Dec. 31.

At the same time, Mr. Eban reacted sharply to Mr. Rogers' recent description of Israel's Suez proposals as "not viable." Mr. Eban recalled that Mr. Rogers himself had earlier embraced those same Israeli ideas as providing "a basis for negotiations," as "balanced" and "constructive," and as embodying a "serious concession." The Foreign Minister confirmed the Secretary of State's denial, at his press conference on Friday, that Washington had received any threat from Jerusalem to go back on any agreement already made on the Suez unless the requested Phantoms were made available. Israel stood by its original, moderate terms for the reopening of the Canal, Mr. Eban declared.

Rejecting a proposal by N.R.P. leader Dr. Yitzhak Rabin that Israel boycott the planned debate on Jerusalem in the Security Council, Mr. Eban said he favored making the fullest possible use of Israel's rights as a U.N. member — and of the Council as a loudspeaker to the world — in order to advertise the case for a united, peaceful Jerusalem. The universal interest in Jerusalem, too, precluded such a boycott, he suggested.

Berlin access, wall for discussion today

BONN (Reuters). — Three days after the signing of the Big Four agreement on Berlin, East and West German Government delegations meet here today to hammer out details of free movement to the divided city.

Simultaneously, another set of negotiations begins in West Berlin to open up the Communist wall and permit two million West Berliners to travel more freely in the east.

In Friday's historic agreement, ending a quarter of a century of dispute over the rights of access to isolated West Berlin, the Soviet Union declared that road, rail and waterborne traffic of goods and persons from the West will in future be unimpeded and given priority.

It is now up to the Germans on both sides to work out methods of implementing the agreement between the four powers responsible for the city, the U.S., Britain, France and the Soviet Union.

The whole of Chancellor Willy Brandt's eastern policy of reconciliation with the Communist world depends on the outcome of the twin sets of negotiations.

The West German leader has stated unequivocally that he will not ratify the treaties of cooperation concluded last year with Moscow and Warsaw until there is a satisfactory Berlin agreement. The ac-

Mr. Eban decried tendencies to denigrate or to overstate the importance of the U.N., noting that the organization was by no means at the top of Israel's preoccupations. "Once there was a dream," he said, that the world's problems could be solved through the world organization. But that dream has faded, and today most states, including Israel, conduct their external relations largely through bilateral and regional contacts. As one instance of circumvention of the U.N., Mr. Eban cited the forthcoming visit of four African heads of state to Israel, in search of a Middle East policy.

Queried about his views on several domestic problems — the issue of immigration, and the Lansky case — Mr. Eban said Israel's image abroad could not be better than the domestic reality. He said the state would be failing in its duty if it denied any citizen his rights, including the right of marriage, and suggested that the Law of Return should not be interpreted as licence to disrupt Israel's social fabric.

Asked whether he considered himself in line for Mr. Meir's succession, now that the Prime Minister had indicated she would not be a candidate for reappointment, Mr. Eban replied that this was not a live issue at the moment. Two years remained till election time, he said, and he would not exclude the possibility that Mrs. Meir might change her mind. The one thing that was sure, he said, was that the next Prime Minister of Israel would be the nominee of the Labour Party, Mr. Eban's own.

More Sukhoi over Canal

TEL AVIV. — Israeli forces fired yesterday at two Egyptian fighter-bombers as they overflew Israeli positions on the east bank of the Suez Canal, the army spokesman announced yesterday.

He said Israel had complained to the U.N. observers headquarters in Jerusalem at this violation of the cease-fire.

The two Sukhoi-7 jets, apparently on a reconnaissance mission, flew over the northern and central sectors of the Canal front between 1.09 and 1.13 p.m., the spokesman said.

Tolbert message to Meir

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Reporter Mr. Ernest Eastman, the Under-Secretary of State of Liberia, arrived in Israel yesterday, and was received last night by Prime Minister Golda Meir in Jerusalem. Mr. Eastman delivered to Mrs. Meir a personal letter from Liberia's President William Tolbert.

The letter is understood to be in reply to the message addressed to President Tolbert by Mrs. Meir on the eve of the Kinshasa conference of 10 African heads of state some two weeks ago. The Liberian President was one of the 10 appointed by the African summit meeting in Addis Ababa last May to seek ways to Middle East peace.

Sapir: Rise is limited

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir told the Cabinet yesterday that in the two weeks since devaluation prices had shown a "very limited" rise.

Mr. Sapir said measures had been taken to ensure that prices "rise gradually and at a rate not exceeding that required by the adjustment of the exchange rate," according to the official summary of his report. He also proposed measures to compensate low-income groups.

The Cabinet communiqué stated that because of steps taken to restrict price increases in basic commodities, the budget for subsidies will be increased.

Although there had been hoarding of commodities in some branches of the economy, the buying spree had been halted in most branches, the Finance Minister said. The one exception was building materials.

Mr. Sapir predicted that price levels of most industrial products would be maintained for a period of one to six months, since importers of raw materials would delay price increases until existing stocks run out. He said that the Ministry of Commerce and Industry arranged that many food branches will not raise prices — at least until the end of the forthcoming festivals. These foods included rice, coffee, beans, broad beans, salted and frozen fish, and frozen liver.

Mr. Sapir hoped that "these arrangements will facilitate price stability of foodstuffs for the festivals period."

He said there would be "difficulties" with meat and fowl prices, mainly chicken, due to shortages.

He reported that to date the Ministry of Commerce and Industry had conducted almost 2,800 price checks, that 387 complaints had been submitted, and that "some tens" of files had been opened. He said that only increases deriving directly from the change in the currency exchange would be reflected in requests for price rises.

All local expenditure in Israel pounds, including marketing costs, would remain at their present level, he said. The deadline for applications for exemption from inventory tax was September 7 — tomorrow.

The Finance Minister, referring to the talks he and Ministers Almog and Gvati held with the Histadrut over prices of basic commodities, said that no freight may be released until it passes Customs.

Secret session hears tapes on Sabry

CAIRO. — A three-man revolutionary tribunal met yesterday in secret session to hear five tape-recordings aimed at proving former Vice-President Anwar Sadat a plot to overthrow the government last May.

The tapes, collected by the prosecution, contained conversations by the leading members of the 91 persons accused of being involved in the plot, judicial sources said.

During the three-hour session, they said the court also heard testimony from former secret police chief Ahmed Kamel. He said agents under his command acquired the tapes by electronic listening devices.

Kamel is one of nine defendants who face a possible death sentence. Sentences of life imprisonment have been demanded by the prosecution for the other three persons in the first group of 12 men now being tried.

Chief prosecutor Mustafa Abou Zaid said the tapes used offered "stronger (proof) than any evidence" because they were gathered by the members of the plot.

The five tapes were the first of 19 recordings to be played before the court. Defence sources said they expected to hear the others when the trial resumes at 9 a.m. today.

With the exception of Sabry, defence sources said, the tribunal ruled yesterday that the first 12 defendants will be tried in groups of two and three. The first lot to follow Sabry will consist of former Interior Minister Sharawi Gomaa, former Power Minister Hilmi el Said and former Transport Minister Ali Zein al Abidin, they said.

The prosecution has asked that Gomaa be given death and the other two life sentences.

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Scene at the Sailors Rest Home in Londonderry after a massive explosion demolished the building on Saturday. (AP radiophoto)

Customs men meet Finance Minister

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

The awaited meeting between Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir and representatives of the customs workers took place at the Treasury in Jerusalem last night. The talks, on which hopes of settling the dispute were pinned, were still continuing late into the evening.

The national works committee refused to let their Haifa colleagues sit in on the deliberations last night because they had not joined the strike. "We support all the demands made — but we think the Finance Minister was entitled to three days' credit," Mr. Yehiel Ben-Yehuda, the Haifa committee chairman, told The Jerusalem Post last night. He added: "We represent 500 men, almost a third of the entire staff."

Mr. H. Bratensfeld, of the police, was present and appealed to the customs men at least to resume the search of all departing passengers at Lod for weapons. The committee said they would consider this.

Mr. David Bar-Haim, spokesman of the Internal Revenue Department, told The Post that wage increases given to the Customs Department in 1970 and 1971 (the years of the "package deal") totalled IL4m. At present, 70 per cent of the employees earn more than IL800 per month, he said.

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Belfast bomb blast; summit talks today

BELFAST. — A terrorist bomb blew up a Belfast supermarket and severely injured two girls yesterday on the eve of a British-Irish summit aimed at damping down two years of political and religious violence in Northern Ireland.

Two sisters, Frances Burns, 15, and Collette, 12, suffered severe facial lacerations and shock when a pre-dawn bomb explosion blew out the front of a grocery store next door to their home in Belfast's Cliftonville Road.

In Londonderry, doctors said an 11-year-old boy, George White, was still "fighting for his life" following an explosion Saturday night near his home.

A car exploded near the American Consulate in Belfast last night, setting a nearby house on fire. There were no casualties. The driver walked away from the car when a British soldier guarding the area told him to move it. Seconds later, it exploded.

Republican guerrillas toned down their attacks during the night but today's summit appeared headed for an early smog even before it began. British Government sources gave an icy reception to a proposal by Irish Prime Minister Jack Lynch for a U.N. peace-keeping force along the border with Northern Ireland.

Mr. Lynch's proposal preceded his meeting today with Prime Minister Edward Heath at Chequers, the British leader's country retreat. Mr. Lynch, in his late-night statement, appeared to say his police and troops could do no more to keep down gun-running into Northern Ireland by guerrillas of the Irish Republican Army.

Active and effective border patrols have cut illegal cross-border activity to a minimum, he said in proposing that Britain and Ireland ask the U.N. to send in observer teams. These teams on both sides of the often unmarked border "would help establish the facts and so serve to expose or prevent activities prejudicial to peace."

In London, the British Government remained officially silent but sources close to the Government turned down the idea. They said the Northern Ireland issue was an internal United Kingdom matter.

It appeared certain Mr. Heath would demand increased effort by the Lynch government to stop arms smuggling and to block off the republic as the sanctuary of the I.R.A. gunmen. Mr. Lynch's U.N. proposal was regarded as an attempt to rid himself of the responsibility of watching the border.

Mr. Lynch has been increasing border vigilance. The Provisional Wing of the Irish Republican Army last night offered to halt its campaign of violence in Northern Ireland if Britain accepts five peace terms by midnight on Wednesday. Otherwise, the I.R.A. said in a statement, violence will be intensified.

The I.R.A. proposals were: "Immediate cessation of the British foreign campaign of violence against the Irish people; abolition of the Stormont (Northern Irish) Parliament; a guarantee of self-determination with a free election to establish a regional parliament for the historic province of Ulster; an end to British military and political presence in Ireland; and a guarantee of compensation for all those who suffered as a result of direct and indirect British violence."

(AP, Reuters)

Fatah debates whether to join parley

BEIRUT (Reuters). — Fatah leader Yasser Arafat last night presided over a meeting to decide whether the terrorists will attend a reconciliation conference with Jordanian Government representatives in Jeddah on Wednesday, terrorist sources said here.

No further details about the meeting of the executive committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization were given.

The Jeddah conference is being held in the context of Egyptian-Saudi efforts to resolve the crisis between the Jordanian authorities and the terrorists.

P.L.O. sources said Zuhew Mohsen and Khaled al-Hasan, members of the committee who visited Jeddah last week and saw King Faisal, were taking part in the Beirut meeting.

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Moslem Amin wants four sons to be Catholic priests

KAMPALA (Reuters). — Uganda's Moslem President, Gen. Idi Amin, has asked for four of his sons to be trained as Roman Catholic priests, it was announced yesterday.

Uganda's acting chief justice, Mr. Benedict Kiwanuka, made the announcement during the 75th anniversary celebrations of Bukalasa Catholic Seminary, 128 kms. southwest of here.

The announcement said it was part of Gen. Amin's campaign to improve relations between Uganda's Moslem and Catholic communities.

Gen. Amin has four wives and more than 10 children.

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Fatah joins Left call to topple Hussein

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter
The Fatah last night joined the radical Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine in the call to topple King Hussein's regime in Jordan in order to prevent the reconciliation meeting which was postponed from today to Wednesday in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

The Cairo-based Fatah radio declared last night that there can be no end to the confrontation with Jordan without the overthrow of the Hashemite throne. A similar attitude was voiced earlier on Saturday by the P.F.L.P., which vowed to undermine attempts at reconciliation with the Jordanian authorities at a conference summoned in Jeddah.

The Fatah broadcast indicated that there was no chance of success for the joint Saudi-Egyptian mediation effort which was recently

climaxed with the drafting of a formula aimed at regulating the relations between the government and the terrorists in Jordan. The terrorist rejection of a meeting with the Jordanian authorities appears to stem from the latter's tough attitude under which the Jordanian Government insists on having full control over future terrorist activity in Jordan. The terrorists seem to be further angered by the Jordanian determination to bar the terrorists from any political activity in Jordan.

Apparently feeling they were waging a lost battle in Jordan, the terrorists, meanwhile, stepped up their attacks against the Jordanian authorities for "claiming to represent the West Bank, which they had usurped under special circumstances" — as stated by the Fatah radio.

Rogers said optimistic on cease-fire

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent
U.S. Secretary of State William Rogers voiced "great optimism" about the prospects of extending the Middle East cease-fire and achieving an interim arrangement for the Suez Canal, when he met Israel's Minister of Communications Shimon Peres at a luncheon in Houston, Texas, last Thursday. They were both guests of the American Legion at its annual conference there last week.

Mr. Peres (who returned on Saturday night) briefed the Cabinet yesterday on his conversation with Mr. Rogers, and later went on Israel Radio to render an account to the public.

He said the Secretary of State seemed very hopeful about the "world picture" in general, and insisted that a Suez agreement, coupled with the continuation of the cease-fire, merited the investment of considerable diplomatic efforts. Asked by an interviewer whether Mr. Rogers had complained to him — as he had a day later at a press conference — that Israel's terms for an agreement were "not viable," Mr. Peres replied, "No, I wouldn't say he did."

Mr. Rogers had also showed interest in the situation prevailing in the administered territories. Mr. Peres said, but had not brought up Defence Minister Moshe Dayan's recent plea that Israel should consider itself the "permanent government" in those areas. On the question of the sale of Phantom aircraft by the U.S., Mr. Peres said Israel still needed to press its case, although public opinion was by and large favourable to Israel on this issue.

Mr. Peres was the only official foreign guest to speak at the American Legion conference. The conference later went on record as favouring the supply by the U.S. of "sufficient arms and other war material of the most advanced type to Israel to ensure that she can maintain a balance of military power in the Middle East, pending any definitive political settlement between the combatants." The resolution, proposed by the Legion's National Executive Committee back in May, also blamed Arab refusal to recognize Israel's right to exist as "an independent, democratic, Jewish state" for the region's instability, and Russian provision of "modern weaponry" to the Arabs for the threat of renewed warfare in the area.



South Vietnam's President Nguyen Van Thieu and his son Loc wear hard hats at dedication of new wing of a Saigon hospital on Saturday. Mrs. Thieu is at right.

Bid in Saigon to halt October poll

SAIGON (UPI). — Efforts were under way yesterday in South Vietnam to halt by peaceful means, if possible, the October 3 presidential election where President Nguyen Van Thieu is running alone on the ballot.

A National Assembly deputy, Nguyen Khac Tan, was seeking support for an amendment to the election law which would limit the campaign period and throw the campaign open again with no restrictions.

Several political blocs, including the militant An Quang Buddhists, also were reported trying to launch an extensive campaign urging voters to boycott the election if Mr. Thieu is alone on the ballot.

A disabled Vietnamese war veteran set himself ablaze in the coastal city of Nha Trang on Saturday, but police doused the flames and took him to hospital where today he was reported still alive, said government officials.

The attempted immolation by the 55-year-old father of 13 children was apparently to protest Mr.

Thieu's one-man race and was carried out while Vice-President Nguyen Cao Ky was visiting the city. It was the third such act in the past 20 days directly connected with the present political turmoil, but in the two earlier cases the veterans died from their burns.

In Cambodia, a south-bound government force dug in only 34 kms. from a major north-bound operation designed to lift the Communist siege of Kompong Thom, Cambodia's 11th largest city, the High Command said. A spokesman said two battalions of troops had moved 11 kms. south against "heavy resistance."

The north-bound force for the second day in a row spent yesterday consolidating positions and gathering intelligence south of Kompong Thom and north of Phnom Penh. The spokesman said that a Cambodian patrol battled a small Vietcong force north of Phnom Penh early in the morning. Three Communists were killed and their weapons captured. There were no Government casualties.

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Preserve unity, Tito warns

TIENTISTE, Yugoslavia (AP). — President Tito yesterday called his people to rally against foreign and internal enemies in preserving Yugoslavia's unity.

Speaking in a radio-televized address to more than 50,000 people assembled at the site of a battle partisans fought 28 years ago, Tito said that "a class enemy" is using nationalism in this country of many nationalities to disrupt the achievements of socialism.

Tito said "lies and untruths" were published "even in historic documents" in other countries to give a distorted version of Yugoslav partisan warfare in the world war. "We are hurt and indignant" at such "underrating of hundreds of thousands of Yugoslav victims" killed in the war.

Documents published in the Soviet Union and some other Communist countries dismiss the importance of Yugoslav guerrilla warfare in the liberation of Yugoslavia, largely crediting the Soviet army. Emphasis on this point now is significant in the light of the expected visit of Soviet Communist Party chief Leonid Brezhnev to Yugoslavia later this month.

It is taken here to serve as a reminder to Brezhnev — coming to patch up differences created after the 1968 Soviet intervention in Czechoslovakia — that Yugoslavia will not consider bargaining about its independent stance.

Bitter Soviet attack on China

MOSCOW (Reuters). — The Soviet Union launched its most bitter press attack on China for some time yesterday, apparently as a counterblast to moves towards a Sino-American rapprochement.

"Pravda," charging that Maoism contradicted Marxist dogma, said it could not help noticing that Peking was stressing its hostility towards the Soviet Union in its overtures to the U.S. The authoritative, widely-read article added little to the list of standard Soviet allegations about Chinese policy, but made clear that the Kremlin's attitude has hardened on President Nixon's forthcoming Peking visit.

Its sentiments were echoed by articles in the foreign affairs weekly "Za Rubezhom," and in the trade union daily, "Trud," which alleged that the Peking leadership was building up China's armaments at the expense of its working class.

Reviewing a recent Soviet study of Chinese foreign policy, "Za Rubezhom" said the nationalism of Peking's leaders had taken the form of great power claims to world domination.

Swedish group visits Shanghai

TOKYO (AP). — A Swedish Government delegation, led by Minister of Industry Rune Johansson, left Peking by plane yesterday for visits to Shanghai and other major cities in southern China, the official New China News Agency reported.

While in Peking, Mr. Johansson and his party conferred with Chinese Premier Chou En-lai, Minister of Light Industry Chen Chinkuang and Pao Hsiang-kuo, Chinese Minister of Foreign Trade.

100 Pakistanis drowned

TEHRAN (Reuters). — One hundred Pakistani Moslems were killed when their motor launch hit a rock and sank in Iraqi waters of the Persian Gulf, the evening newspaper "Kayhan" reported yesterday.

The newspaper said the accident occurred at midnight Saturday night as the victims, who were on a pilgrimage, reached Iraqi coastal waters.

A number of bodies have been recovered, and some of them have been buried in Iraq, the newspaper reported. No official information on the report was available.

Soviet paper warns against sham heroes

MOSCOW (Reuters). — A Soviet newspaper yesterday warned readers against impostors who give themselves medals to enhance their standing with their fellows.

The Defence Ministry daily "Red Star" quoted an example of a woman, Fruma Mikhalenko, sporting a row of medals on a naval uniform.

She appeared on television and gave lectures, in which she told tales of her life as a wartime agent, but was "never a naval officer, nor was she worthy of the row of medals," it said.

In Tashkent, Valentin Gostev forged his own "Hero of the Soviet Union" medal which, with his other medals, was never checked by his superiors in the Tashkent police, it continued.

But Gostev and others like him discredited those who rightfully earned decorations and set a bad example for the young, "Red Star" said.

Europe's oldest settlement found in France

COURTHEZON, France (UPI). — Archaeologists yesterday announced that the Neolithic settlement recently unearthed near here was the oldest one found in Europe to date, and was inhabited more than 6,800 years ago.

The team, headed by Jean Courthezon, head of the National Scientific Research Centre in nearby Marseilles, dated their finds by the carbon-14 method which traces the amount of residual carbon in unearthed objects.

The Courthezon site consisted of a number of spacious huts whose floors were covered by large round flat pebbles which came from the bed of the Rhone River in the Quaternary Epoch. Many of the pebbles were found to have burst, a sign that the inhabitants had cooked over them, scientists said.

Scattered throughout the settlement, archaeologists unearthed remains of many domestic animals, including, cows, sheep, goats and pigs, as well as various pottery objects.

Book says Bormann was Soviet agent

NEW YORK (UPI). — Martin Bormann, Hitler's number two man, was a Soviet agent during World War II and died three years ago in Russia, according to a forthcoming book, described as the memoirs of General Reinhardt Gehlen.

Gehlen retired in 1958 as head of West Germany's intelligence and counter-espionage agency.

According to a story published yesterday's "New York Times," Bormann crossed the Russian lines as Soviet troops closed in on Berlin, and gained sanctuary in the Soviet Union.

He also became an adviser on German policy there after the war, the account says. Although Bormann was believed to have had ties to Die Rote Erde, a Soviet espionage network in Nazi Germany, the account said, Bormann was never placed under surveillance for fear that he would use his influence with Hitler to destroy the intelligence service.

The manuscript was first offered for sale by Volker Hansen, director of Hase and Kohler, a 182-year-old publishing house in Mainz, West Germany, the "Times" said, quoting publishing sources in the U.S. Already, the "Times" said, the book is reported to be commanding offers approaching \$1m. for world publication rights, following at least six months of secret negotiations. A formal announcement was expected from the publishing house today.

OTHER ALLEGATIONS
The Gehlen memoirs discount previous allegations that Bormann had either died outside of Hitler's bunker in Berlin or that he had escaped and was living somewhere in South America.

The information contained in the book is attributed to a series of "unimpeachable" reports, the "Times" story said, "presumably from General Gehlen's agents in the Soviet Union."

The "Times" story said an announcement was expected this week that bids for the world rights of the manuscript outside Germany have been made by World Publishing Company, a subsidiary of the Times-Mirror Company of Los Angeles, and Avon Books, a paperback publisher owned by Hearst Corporation.

The publishing house of William

Collins of London is also known to have offered \$100,000 for the British rights, the "Times" said. The expected announcement would be the first public acknowledgment of the existence of the Gehlen memoirs and the allegations, which, the "Times" said, have included secret trips by U.S. and British publishers to West Germany and "an almost clandestine" typesetting operation by the Hamburg newspaper "Die Welt" which plans to begin serializing the book on Sept. 10.

The "Times" account continues that several U.S. and British publishers went to Mainz where they were allowed to see three chapters of the 12-chapter manuscript. Repelled by the allegations, which he had in Bavaria were turned down on the ground that he wished to remain secluded during the negotiations, the "Times" story said, Martin Levin, chairman of the Board of World Publishing, told the "Times" he was convinced the memoirs were authentic and that publishing them would create a world sensation. The manuscript has been verified by Peter Ritzer, World's chief editor, and George Bailey, an author formerly connected with the U.S. military intelligence in Germany. Mr. Levin said in a "Times" interview.

German publishing sources told the "Times" the conservative newspaper "Die Welt," owned by Axel Springer, a critic of Chancellor Willy Brandt's Social Democratic Party, had acquired the rights to serialize the Gehlen memoirs in order to argue for a tougher policy of containment of Soviet influence. "Die Welt" is reported to have paid \$250,000 for the serial rights.

Nicosia-Athens clouds dispelled — Makarios

NICOSIA (AP). — The recent coolness in the relations between Nicosia and Athens has been dispelled by consultations with the Greek Government, Cyprus President Archbishop Makarios said yesterday.

Talking to newsmen on his return from a three-day visit to Athens, the Cypriot President described his talks with Greek Premier George Papadopoulos and members of his Government as constructive, adding, "I am pleasantly satisfied."

Reading a prepared statement, he said the talks "covered all aspects of the Cyprus problem." He said they discussed proposals for ending the deadlock in talks between the Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities. He did not specify the alterations, but said a decision on which to adopt would be made after consulting U.N. Secretary-General U Thant.

Relations between President Makarios and the Greek Government deteriorated after Mr. Papadopoulos sent the Archbishop a letter last June. The letter, which was leaked

to the press, accused Makarios of disrupting the common Nicosia-Athens front in the confrontation with Turkey for a settlement of the Cyprus problem.

It also warned Makarios that as a result the Greek Government might be forced to take steps, "however unpleasant these might be," to safeguard the "national interests" both of Greece and Cypriot Hellenism.

Makarios said yesterday: "Both sides stressed the need, made imperative by the situation, for continued cooperation and consolidation of the solid common front. There was no difference of opinion during the talks."

"My two days of talks were held in a spirit of goodwill and sincerity and have dissolved the sparse clouds which appeared some time ago and which, perhaps, caused a small coolness in our relations."

In answer to a question Makarios said the Papadopoulos letter of last June was "no longer valid."

Meanwhile, the reported secret return to Cyprus of banished General George Grivas, the arch-rival of Archbishop Makarios, has given rise to fears of a possible fresh flareup of violence.

The well-informed Greek Cypriot daily "Maz" reported yesterday that Grivas had landed in Cyprus secretly by boat last Thursday, accompanied by three of his closest colleagues, two of them senior Greek Army officers. But nobody in Cyprus has yet claimed to have seen or spoken to the almost legendary figure.

The report of Grivas' return has also given rise to speculation he has come back to launch a campaign for enosis, the union of Cyprus with Greece.

'Yemen P.M. was sacked'

BEIRUT (Reuters). — Lt. Gen. al-Hassan al-Amri, Prime Minister of Northern Yemen, has been dismissed because the president of the country's Republican Council considered he was encroaching on his powers by seeking to dissolve the Consultative Assembly, reliable Yemeni sources said here today.

(San'a Radio said last night that Gen. Amri, who formed a new Cabinet in the Yemen 10 days ago, had resigned from all his posts on August 20.)

The sources said the reason for Gen. Amri's dismissal was a dispute over the terms of reference between him and the Council President, Qadhi Abdul Rahman al-Iryani.

He had also been dismissed from his other posts as commander of the armed forces and member of the Republican Council.

The sources said he had sought to issue orders which President Iryani considered as encroaching upon his powers as president and consequently issued counter-orders. The difference in opinion between the two men was said to have flared into a row, the sources said.

Gen. Amri came to Beirut last Tuesday amid speculation that he had resigned, but he immediately and categorically denied the resignation.

Moshe Shahaf, editor and art lover, at 61

TEL AVIV. — The funeral took place at the Holon cemetery yesterday of Moshe Shahaf (Lushniacki), editor of "Shurut," the Clerical Workers Union publication. He was 61.

A native of Bialistok, Poland, where he graduated from the Hebrew secondary school, he settled here in the late 1930s. He became a news editor of "Davar" and the first news editor of "Yotam" news agency.

His hobby and love was art. He was the friend of many outstanding painters and his collection was one of the best private ones in this town.

Malta attacks British policy

VALLETTA, Malta (Reuters). — Prime Minister Dom Mintoff bitterly attacked Britain's past and present treatment of Malta in an address published here Saturday night to mark the island's National Day.

Britain, he said, "did not even condescend to show appreciation by at least treating us on a par with the most humble class of their own people."

He referred to the pacts with Britain, now being renegotiated, as "so-called" defence and financial assistance agreements, and said Malta was suffering the heavy chains which "are lying us down as though we were still a British colony."

Suitcase shoots airport worker

NEW YORK (AP). — A LaGuardia Airport baggage handler, Peter Luise, dropped a suitcase Saturday and a pistol inside the bag went off hitting him in the right shoulder, Port Authority police reported.

Mr. Luise, 27, was hospitalized and reported in fair condition in Elmhurst General Hospital. The owner of the bag containing the 22-calibre pistol, Manuel Panning, 36, of San Francisco, was held on charges of illegal possession of a gun and reckless endangerment, police said.

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109 dead as Alaska plane hits mountain

JUNEAU, Alaska (Reuter). — An Alaska Airlines Boeing 727 slammed into a sheer mountain wall near here on Saturday, killing all 109 people aboard, in the worst single-plane disaster in U.S. civil aviation history.

The plane was coming in to land at Juneau but appeared to be flying in the wrong direction when it crashed. A state trooper and a helicopter pilot, the first people on the scene, found no survivors among the 102 passengers and seven crewmen. The plane hit 915 metres up on a peak in the Chilkoot Mountains and wreckage was splattered over a wide area. Part of the plane landed on a cliff.

Most of those aboard were believed to be Alaskans and in view of Alaska's sparse population the disaster was probably felt personally by many in the state. One coast guard stationed in Juneau lost his wife, daughter and sister.

The Boeing, Alaska Airlines flight 1866, originating in Fairbanks but moments later the plane disappeared off radar screens.

A fishing boat in the area, a region of small islands, channels and high mountains known as the Alexander Archipelago, reported seeing a jet skimming about 150 metres above the water. The sky was overcast and there was some rain. The approach to Juneau is over towering mountains and glaciers and it is known for turbulence caused by winds off the ice.

Equipment limited

Juneau is also one of the few major U.S. airfields without instrument landing facilities. Because of the high mountains such equipment would not be reliable, officials said.

To land at Juneau the Boeing would have been flying in a westerly direction on its final approach, but the fishing boat said it was going east, and it hit the east side of the mountain, 180 degrees off course.

Officials had no immediate explanation for the plane having taken such a course.

The previous worst single-plane disaster in the U.S. occurred in June 1963 when a chartered airliner crashed into the Gulf of Alaska, killing 101 people. The worst air disaster in the U.S. was in December 1960 when 136 people died, including several on the ground, after a collision between a United Airlines DC-8 and a TWA Constellation over the New York area.

Flight 1866's list of passengers and crew included just one non-American.

The passenger was listed as T. Endo of Japan, with no home address or further identification given. Some passengers were identified just by names, however, and it remained possible other non-Americans might have been aboard.

U.S. sky spies can see every point on earth

By CHARLES FOLEY

SANTA MONICA (Otns). — DRIVE 150 miles north along the broad Pacific Coast Highway from Santa Monica, past the Malibu beaches and their colonies of bronzed surfers, and you come upon the tightly-guarded U.S. Air Force base of Vandenberg, the vast launching site for America's military satellites — the spies-in-the-sky that can observe every point on earth at least once a day.

Little publicity is given to Vandenberg, the largest missile-testing ground in the Western world, and the U.S.A.F. likes it that way. As the heart of America's super-secret "ultrafast" operations, the base would be high on the list of targets for an enemy in any nuclear war.

Situated near the little town of Lompoc, California, Vandenberg has 44 launch sites and a range 10 times the size of Cape Kennedy, with 327 miles of roads and 1,400 operations-related buildings. But few Californians on this lonely coast see the rockets that blaze away from the bluff overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

Military tasks

Some two-thirds of the 450-plus U.S. satellites launched since 1958 have had military tasks, and most of these were sent spinning into North-South Polar orbits from Vandenberg. The earth's East-West rotation then allows them to survey the complete surface of the globe. Their "folded" cameras, packed with reflecting mirrors, give a

focal length of 1,000 feet with which they can pick out the names on cars from altitudes of 100 miles.

The super-cameras can also spot missile-bearing Russian submarines, Chinese ICBM launching sites, troop movements in Eastern Europe, test firings of new rockets from the U.S.S.R.'s Siberian experimental station — and much more. Indeed, the secrecy of cold war days has been so shattered by the spy satellites that some diplomats believe that by reducing fears of an unknown enemy, they are playing a useful role in world peace-keeping operations.

Myths exploded

Missiles have been able to explode myths of huge new missile arsenals being built up by the Russians in Siberia. And they have helped to reveal Egyptian movement of their missile sites behind the Suez Canal, in violation of the Middle East cease-fire.

Vandenberg base also sent up the vital "Eye of Asia," a multi-purpose satellite that lowers permanent monitors on launchings of Russia's Fractional Orbital Bombardment satellites which circle the globe before returning to earth. X-ray sensors can also pick up the radiation given off by a nuclear bomb test, while film sensitive to infra-red ra-

diation can track a darkened convoy moving along a road by night.

Much of the enormous range of information gathered by missiles is obtained through a network of "ground terminals" — giant dish-shaped antennae, such as the one at Jamesburg Earth Station, near Carmel, on the Californian coast. Ten stories high and weighing 315 tons, this 97-foot-wide "ear" was used to track signals from Apollo mooncraft which were then relayed by the television networks to viewers sitting at home.

The Department of Defence has just ordered a fresh clutch of the super-antennae from the Philco-Ford complex near San Francisco, where employment increased by a third in the past year. At a cost of \$7,900,000 each, the machines are plugging a gap in California's troubled aerospace industry.

The antennae are miracles of engineering: while some of the construction sections must be rugged enough to use as buttresses for the Golden Gate Bridge, the curvature of the antenna itself is machined to thirty-one thousandths of an inch for accurate reception of signals from space. But these are weak, and must compete with man-made as well as stellar radio interference.

"A satellite signal is like a tiny whisper in a booming background," says a National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) electronic engineer. "It has to be filtered out. So the weak signal is fed into a parametric amplifier which is refrigerated down almost to absolute zero (-459°F). This is because at zero, all molecular vibrations cease, and we can 'freeze out' all unwanted noise while allowing the satellite signal to come through with perfect clarity."

Speed of light

The speed of transmission is the speed of light — 186,272 miles per second — which means that a signal from the moon takes only 20 seconds to reach earth. Even when the signal is relayed onwards by conventional land lines or earth-bound microwaves, it will take only 30 seconds for a satellite to transmit pictures of bombing strikes in South Vietnam to the Pentagon in Washington.

The U.S. has these ground stations not only in California, of course, but around the globe — in Hawaii, at Asmara in Ethiopia, at the NASA base in Australia, in ships of the U.S. Sixth Fleet.

U.S. unemployment rises in August

WASHINGTON (UPI). — U.S. unemployment jumped to 6.1 per cent of the total labour force of more than 79m. workers during August.

The figures, gathered before Mr. Nixon announced his moves against inflation and the balance-of-payments deficit, showed the total up from July and near a nine-year high equalled twice in other months this year.

Layoffs in the steel industry pushed unemployment among men from 4.3 per cent to 4.5 per cent. They and school-leavers were the hardest hit.

Zand criticizes J.D.L.

NEW YORK (INA). — Soviet emigrant Mikhail Zand has severely criticized "the violent tactics" of the Jewish Defence League in an interview with a "New York Times" correspondent.

Mr. Zand spoke with the reporter at the Z.O.A. convention in Pittsburgh and said such tactics were severely alienating Russian intellectuals sympathetic to Soviet Jewry seeking emigration. He said the Russian intellectual community was Soviet Jewry's "only ally" in Russia. He said that these Russian intellectuals' national and cultural feelings were offended when a bomb was exploded in a Soviet building in the U.S. and when American concerts by Soviet artists were disrupted.

Herman Weisman, Z.O.A. president, also criticized the J.D.L. without naming it. He said Z.O.A. rejected any group or individuals who use, advocate or sanction violence as a means of protesting mistreatment of Soviet Jews. The J.D.L. has denied planting any bombs in Soviet buildings or offices but has consistently expressed approval of such tactics.

Mr. Zand said that violent protests were counterproductive and did not help "our cause." He told the "Times" such behaviour "spoils the image of the Jews as the People of the Book" and that this view was shared by Russian Jewish intellectuals. He also asserted that

the Soviets exploited reports of violent protests in the U.S. to depict all Jews as barbarians in the Soviet press. Such propaganda campaigns were used by the Soviets to force Russian Jewish intellectuals to sign prepared statements of their opposition to all activities supporting Soviet Jews, on pain of having their works barred from publication.

'Only a strong U.S. can help Israel,' says Ford

PITTSBURGH (INA). — Rep. Gerald Ford, the House Minority Leader, has criticized "the inconsistency of some members of Congress who would strengthen Israel and then vote to weaken the United States" by opposing funds for research and production of new weapons.

Speaking here on Saturday night at the 74th annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America, he claimed "there were efforts in Congress to cut such funds ever further; some of the effort was generated by the most vocal champions of aid to Israel." Mr. Ford held that whatever contributes "to the overall defence posture of the U.S. contributes to the overall defence posture of Israel and the free world."

China policy

He also discussed whether President Nixon's change of view on Red China and on domestic wage and price controls "might mean a dramatic reversal or revision of U.S. policy toward the Middle East." He said he could give "an authoritative and instant answer... No."

He urged one change in the Nixon Administration's policy of weapons aid to Israel. He said that "the weapons Israel needs from us for its defence must be made available to it not by bargaining processes each year but through a credible long-range plan."



Israel's Ambassador to Cyprus, Rahamin Timor, right, presents his credentials to the President of Cyprus, Archbishop Makarios, in Nicosia. The Presidential Under-Secretary, Patrolos Stavron, is in the centre. (UPI radiophoto)



Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi visits refugee camps in West Bengal, where floods have aggravated the desperate condition of the people. (UPI radiophoto)



Denise Weller was kidnapped from her pram outside a shop in Harlow, Essex, five weeks ago. Last week the police traced her to Hull. Here she is held aloft by her father, Terry Weller, to a happy welcome from Harlow residents. (AP radiophoto)



Esther Shamurow, of Israel, right, with Inge Helten, of Germany, winner of the women's 100-metre event at the "Little Olympics" in Munich. The Israeli runner was sixth. (AP radiophoto)

'Suicide squad' threat to Pakistan planes

LONDON. — A Bangla Desh spokesman warned here on Saturday that the movement was planning to use suicide squads to blow up Pakistan International Airways planes in midair.

The spokesman told a press conference in London: "It is a very strong possibility that suicide squads will carry out midair bombing attacks. Anybody travelling by Pakistan International Airways will be risking their lives, because our boys are now prepared to go to any length."

The statement was made by Chowdhury Akhtaruszaman, 30, and Shazidul Huq, 39, who said they had arrived in Britain Friday night after leaving East Pakistan.

A spokesman for the airline, when told of the threats, said later: "We have taken precautions against such threats. Passenger safety is top priority, and as far as safety on P.I.A. is concerned, we are quite satisfied we have taken all precautions." (Reuter, AP)

Oppose home for retarded children

HADERA. — Farmers of Moshav Bat Shlomo, between Zichron Ya'akov and Yokneam, oppose a Welfare Ministry plan to turn the vegetarian-naturist rest home in their village into an institution for mentally handicapped children.

A spokesman for the 53-year-old moshav said that visitors to the rest home helped relieve the isolation of local residents, who are struggling to develop their small village. Now, some of the residents may abandon the village, he said.

A PLANELOAD of immigrants from the Soviet Union arrived on Friday morning from Vienna. They came from Georgia, Riga, Moscow and Kiev. (Reuter, AP)

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Readers' letters

The postman rings twice a week

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Ramot Yam is the attractive suburb of Bat Yam and since my arrival two years ago, it has developed noticeably. Tourism is flourishing in our small summer resort, but I think all Government efforts will be of no avail if the Ministry of Communications does not remedy immediately several matters.

Three months ago a post office was set up here, handled by one very old but efficient clerk. The premises of this so-called post office are in a wooden hut, but all postal services are available. Unfortunately, the office opens from 2.00 to 6.00 p.m. every day except Tuesday when it is open from 9 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. Only this post office has the right to sell telephone tokens — all other shops are forbidden to do so.

In all Ramot Yam, whose population exceeds 35,000 persons, only one telephone box is available. You can therefore imagine the interminable queues. Yesterday, I had to call a doctor urgently, the so-called post office was closed (no tokens, therefore), and I had to go all the way to Bat Yam to make the call.

As far as mail is concerned, it is delivered once or at most twice a week. I really see no reason why

mail should not be delivered daily, like everywhere.

Why such treatment? Why don't we have a full-time post office? Why one telephone box? Why, if the post office does not operate full time, are other shops not allowed to sell tokens?

N. LEWIS
Ramot Yam, August 10.

EDITORS GRATEFUL DESPITE CRITICISM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I have just finished reading your article, "Coca-Cola and U.S. imperialism" (August 26), and wish to correct the false impression it gives. As one of the participants in the seminar of editors of campus newspapers, I am very upset that you represent us as no more than a bunch of complaining spoiled brats. While we did have many valid criticisms of both the information seminar in Ohio and the two-week newspaper seminar, there were many good points too. One in particular was a trip to an Arab university on the West Bank

where we met informally with Arab students.

As to the complaint that conditions were "apartan," this was hardly a representative view. If anything, most of us felt guilty that the Foreign Office spent so much money on what were, for us, lavish accommodations. We were all well aware that the seminar was an experiment and, despite our criticisms, by and large we were grateful to the Foreign Ministry for the opportunity to come.

JOEL GROSSMAN
Jerusalem (Philadelphia), August 26.

Booking for the theatre

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — On July 19, we saw "La Mandragola" in the Haifa Municipal Theatre. Unfortunately, for us the pleasure to see the highly enjoyable performance was marred by the following circumstances:

As the booking office is open only in the afternoon from 4 to 8:15, and as no reservations are made by phone, we came early to get fairly good seats. We asked for the best seats nearest the stage and were given tickets for the left side aisle in the tenth row at the highest price of IL11.50 each. After the ordeal of travelling by bus at 4 p.m., and walking through the sweltering streets and sitting in an unpleasant Haifa cafe to while away the time, we were surprised to find that in the nine rows immediately in front of us, only six seats were occupied. That we could have moved forward is immaterial, but the question irked us whether seats in the back rows are sold first and the latecomers get the best at the same price.

If any agencies for tickets existed in the suburbs where more than 130,000 inhabitants live, people would gladly pay a surcharge if

they could book tickets in advance for the theatre as well as other performances and films if they were spared the trouble and expense of travelling twice or very early, and the theatre and cinemas would not have to complain of such poor attendance.

ILSE PIETKOWSKI
Kiryat Haim, July 25.

The Haifa Municipality replies:

The Municipality Theatre sends tickets for all performances to the various agencies in town (Nova, Gerber, Maccabi). We do this to help people who want to buy tickets in the morning. We give the agencies whole rows of tickets and obviously cannot sell these same tickets at the theatre box office.

When Mrs. Pietkowski came to the box office, the cashier could only sell her the tickets he had; however, it is possible that later on, one of the agencies returned its unsold tickets and these were better than the ones available previously at the box office. We regret that Mrs. Pietkowski did not get better places, although the tenth row in our hall is considered one of the best.

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IN MEMORIAM

RABBI YITZHAK MEIR LEVIN

A PERSONAL MAGIC

By MOSHE AKIVA DRUCK

WITH the death of Rabbi Yitzhak Meir Levin — his shloshim is marked today — the Aguda Movement has lost its foremost leader, the last of the group of men who founded the movement 60 years ago, most of whom perished in World War II. But Rabbi Levin's death is also a loss to the entire Jewish public, in Israel and abroad.

There have been few Jewish political figures in this last generation whose lives so completely characterized the age. Rabbi Levin's career began with his leadership of the uncompromising fight against secular Zionism in Poland, and ended with his fight for the character of the State of Israel, waged from the parliamentary rostrum of the State.

He was 17 years old when his father-in-law, the Rabbi of Gur, Avraham Mordechai Alter, invested him with the political leadership of the Aguda Movement which he had created. Rabbi Levin's first task was to present his father-in-law's views to the many rabbis and hasidic leaders who were by no means all convinced of the need for an organization of religious Jews; the very concept of organization was alien to many of the spiritual leaders of European Jewry.

Fear of outside influences were uppermost in the minds of many rabbis. It was no easy task to persuade the leaders of Hungarian, Czechoslovakian and Rumanian Orthodox to participate in one unified organization with rabbis from Western Europe, where even Orthodox Jews were strongly influenced by the spirit of the Haskala and the free universities.

Political wisdom

It was no easy task, but Rabbi Levin performed it. The saintly Hafez Haim of Radin, in Lithuania whose outstanding spiritual authority among Orthodox Jews is still felt today, gave Rabbi Levin his fullest trust and support in his political leadership of Orthodox Jewry, and the vast majority of the great rabbis of the age followed his lead. For Rabbi Levin was endowed with a personal magic: a combination of political wisdom, solid judgement, and hasidic fervour and enthusiasm. Nor did the latter quality impinge on or contradict the other two in the slightest. The veteran and competent political leader never overshadowed the sincere and devoted hasid. For him, hasidism was the school which moulded his character and personal behaviour.

He came to this country in 1940 as a refugee; a leader without a following. Hundreds of thousands of his followers were dying, among them members of his own family. But his spirit did not flag. Driven on by his own faith, and by the encouragement of his father-in-law, he wandered through the smoking ruins, breathing new life and hope into the "dry bones" — the broken refugees who managed to reach this country.

Refugees from Europe

Until the War, Agudat Yisrael in Palestine had consisted largely of members of the Old Yishuv, fighting tooth and nail against the official organs of the New Yishuv: the Jewish Agency and the Va'ad Leumi. But the events of that terrible decade created a new basis for unity between the camps, a unity which would grow stronger and deeper as the fateful hour approached when the State was born. Rabbi Levin brought the refugees from Europe into the re-formed, re-orientated Aguda.

Aguda's decision to play a positive role in the birth of the embryonic Jewish state and thereafter was largely a result of Rabbi Levin's political resourcefulness. He was guided by the Party's Council of Great Rabbis, but their decision would not have been positive had it not been for the trust and confidence which they had in him. They gave their blessing to his joining the Government, where he received the Welfare portfolio — in which he saw a traditional Jewish mission.

His path in office was hardly strewn with roses. On the one hand, he fought opponents on the right, who could not swallow the apparent volte-face which Aguda had perpetrated. On the other hand, he fought bitter struggles with his Cabinet colleagues for his religious principles. But he never regretted his

decision to join the Government, and pointed to religious achievements which have lasted to this day, which he ascribed to his work in those years. He recalled with satisfaction the undertakings which the Jewish Agency leadership had given him: that in the new state, marriage and divorce would be guided by Halakha; that shabbat would be the official day of rest, and that kashrut would be observed in all Government institutions. He took much of the credit for the exemption of Orthodox girls from compulsory military service, and for the exemption of yeshiva students, so long as they continued studying.

His resignation came when Premier David Ben-Gurion introduced a national service law for girls. The law was passed, but it was never implemented, because of the public fight against it which Rabbi Levin led. The issue is today once again arousing public debate.

His political activity in the Government was not confined to religious issues. He stood for the "dovish" line in those days, and several times helped to hold back Ben-Gurion's bolder schemes. B-G, despite their differences, respected his opinions, which flowed from his deep anxiety for the security of the State.

Knesset speeches

When he spoke in the Knesset, often in the role of admonisher and rebuker, M.K.s listened attentively. His Ashkenazi pronunciation did not hide the profound Jewish spirit of his speeches, which overflowed with *ahavat Yisrael* — even when he rebuked. In the Knesset he epitomized traditional Judaism; when he spoke, generations of Jewish history, generations of martyrs, spoke through him.

It was my privilege to have been among his close friends for 25 years. Never did I cease admiring his weighed and measured phrases: every word he said or wrote was carefully considered beforehand — would they lead to greater love of God?

Although he was a gifted orator, and spoke publicly for 60 years, he never lost his "stage-fright" — so long as he had not decided what to say. But once his decision was made, he spoke out fearlessly, though even in moments of anger, he never uttered an unbecoming word. He shrank from sharp or loaded turns of phrase; but was quite able to make his meaning plain without resort to them.

His death marks the end of an



Rabbi Levin

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New table of Welfare assistance as from August 1971, according to the number of persons entitled to assistance.

Number of persons	Norm of assistance	
	Urban areas	Rural areas
1	122	86
2	198	134
3	251	177
4	290	209
5	323	241
6	352	268
7	432	291
8	465	316
9	502	341
10	545	366
Every additional person	+ 40	+ 25

* The remainder for August-September 1971 will be paid during September.

* Large-family grants paid by the National Insurance Institute, and soldier pensions are not considered as income, but are in addition to the above sum.

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Football results

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

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SYRIAN ARMY GAMES MAY NOT BE ALL PLAY

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

It is common knowledge in the Golan Heights that the Syrians have been preparing their army for an attack. The Syrians recently held manoeuvres on an unprecedented scale, and the exercises were clearly of an offensive character.

Of course, outside pressures could dissuade the Syrians from their intentions, or they could realize they are not as well prepared as they thought.

There were false alarms before. Last summer clashes on the border ended badly for the Syrians, and the frontier has remained fairly quiet over a year.

Inadvisable, but...

"From the Syrian point of view, I would not think it advisable to renew hostilities, but the Syrians have never taken advice from anybody," one local expert remarked to military experts touring the area last week.

Meanwhile, there is an air of watchfulness on the frontier, and occasional shooting. The Syrian outposts are clearly visible from this side of the frontier — and the Israeli positions can probably be seen from the other side. Nothing much can be hidden from an inquisitive eye on the bare Golan hills.

Civilians on the Israeli side, both Jews and Druse, work in the vicinity of military positions. Without this protection no farmer near the frontier would be safe.

The Hermon looms huge from the Golan plain. From Majd el-Shams a new road leads up to a crease in the mountain where the ski lift is ready for the winter season.

On the way to the Hermon one sees in the distance the red roofs of Ramat Shalom, now being populated by a new batch of settlers. An old well has been rediscovered and water will not be a problem. A road to the ski-site is also promised.

From Har Dov there is an aerial view of a valley with a village at the foot of the mountain. The terrorists, who had established themselves in strength in their "Fatahland" here last year, have moved from the valley northwards after encounters with Israeli soldiers.

The Lebanese villagers are apparently pleased at their departure, they suffered from Fatah lawlessness. At times, when an army unit descended into the valley to pursue terrorists, it was greeted with smiles by the inhabitants.

Sporadic attacks

Although not as active as before, the terrorists still make sporadic attacks.

An observation platform for civilians has been built at Har Dov, which gives a view not only of "Fatahland" but of the Hula valley, with its tapestry of glistening fish ponds and dark patches of fields.

There is a good deal of road-building along the northern frontier. Often a Lebanese military road follows an almost parallel course.

The Lebanese traffic looks peaceful; taxis, private cars and delivery vans. On this side of the fence civilian traffic is discouraged for the time being in the Har Dov area. But on all other roads in the Golan Heights the roads are open 24 hours a day.

Italy's art thieves doing more damage than the barbarians

ROME (Reuters). — The spectacular theft of a Titian masterpiece in northern Italy last month has added to official worries about an alarming drain on the country's priceless art heritage.

Throughout history, Italy's works of art have been plundered by foreigners — from the barbarians who carved up the remains of the Roman empire, to Hitler who had paintings brought in truckloads over the Alps to Germany.

Year's toll

Last year, there were a total of 259 art thefts recorded by the police — 159 from private collections, 86 from churches, and 14 from galleries and national museums. This year, the number of thefts has increased to almost one a day. The theft of the Titian from the parish church of Pieve di Cadore — the Titian's birthplace — was the 80th from a church since the beginning of the year.

The theft of the Titian illustrates the cool way in which Italy's art thieves operate. It is believed there were three thieves, for three glasses containing drage of wine were found on a table in the sacristy of the church. After carefully surveying the church, and apparently obtaining information about its opening and closing times from a local child, the thieves crept in just before it shut one night and apparently hid themselves behind a large organ.

They spent the night carefully cutting canvases from their frames.

In addition to the Titian, they removed 13 at more than 1,000 million lire (\$570,000).

Questioned about the reasons for Italy's growing wave of art thefts, Dr. Rodolfo Siviero, who is the government official chiefly responsible for the recovery of stolen works of art from abroad, blamed both the Italian and some foreign governments.

"The Italian government does not seem to understand the importance of the problem. If we were given the means, my office could get these thefts at once," he said.

He attacked the leniency of Italian justice towards art thieves: "It's easier to jail a man for stealing a chicken than for stealing a Titian," he said.

International gangs

Dr. Siviero, who has engineered the return of 2,500 works of art from Germany alone since World War II, said the stolen works of art were all sold to international gangs operating outside Italy.

He said he knew who the receivers of the stolen paintings were, but was hampered in his efforts both by lack of means and by the policies of foreign countries "which help these thieves." He particularly mentioned Switzerland and West Germany.

It was necessary, he said, to launch an energetic campaign, both against the foreign receivers and the local thieves.

Hoarse, but happy

WARRENTON, Virginia (UPI). — Dan Jamison, sports director at radio station WERR, Friday claimed the world's record for continuous broadcasting when he completed 268 hours on the air.

Mr. Jamison, 26, started his marathon at 6 a.m. Monday, Aug. 23. He finally left the air at 10 a.m. Friday. His 268 hours bettered by one hour the former record held by an English disc jockey.

In the process, Mr. Jamison earned approximately \$13,000 in donations and pledges for the Fauquier County Association for Retarded Children.

Mr. Jamison, married and the father of one son, said he dozed between records, but estimated he got only 20 minutes of sleep for every 24 hours on the air.

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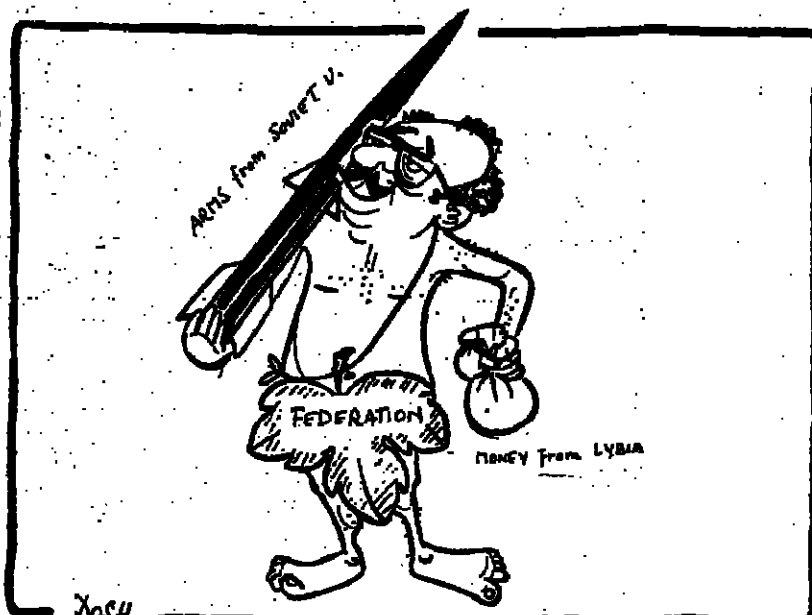
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THE 'DO-GOODER' AND THE CRIMINAL

LONDON (Otns).

A FEW days ago the "Daily Mirror," Britain's top-selling tabloid, printed the single word THUGS in capital letters two-and-a-half inches high across its front page. A day or two later "The Times" devoted most of its correspondence columns to choleric denunciations of "do-gooders" who argue for rational treatment of violent criminals and to demands for longer and harsher prison sentences.

Law and order, the grumbling appendix of British politics, has flared up again, and for a few days the voice of reason seemed to have been obliterated across the entire spectrum of public opinion by cries for punitive "solutions" to the problem of violent crime.

The immediate cause of this outbreak has been the murder of the police chief of the seaside resort of Blackpool, who was shot in the stomach while chasing a gang of jewel robbers. Exceptionally, the police named his supposed killer (while he was on the run), and photographs of the fugitive on television and in the newspapers, over blood-curdling captions of the This-man-is-dangerous type, have given the tragic episode an hysterical quality normally absent from the guarded and unemotional character of British murder investigations.

Sense of outrage

The explanation is partly that the killing of a policeman is rare enough in this country to evoke a natural sense of outrage, partly that the shooting coincided with an interview given to "The Times" by two unnamed senior officers of Scotland Yard, headquarters of the Metropolitan Police, condemning Parliament, the courts and the Home Office for being persistently lenient in their treatment of violent offenders.

"Alarmed by the rapid increase of these crimes," the paper reported, "the officers are convinced that unless firm measures are taken to halt the trend, the streets of London will be as dangerous in five years' time as those of New York and Washington now. Exasperated by what they consider to be a lack of Government support, the officers talked bitterly of the disproportion-

There is a growing voice in Britain for a more 'punitive' solution to the problem of violent crime. Laurence Marks reports here.

tionate publicity given to the views of "do-gooders."

One of the officers nostalgically recalled the days "when robbery with violence was headline news. If the villain was convicted, he got a whacking sentence and was sent to Dartmoor. There he got flogged, he broke stones and he sewed mail-bags. After he was released, he seldom came back for more. Prison then was a real deterrent. Now the pendulum has swung the other way. They have got television in prisons now and transistor radios in cells. There is a choice of food and they get week-end leave to allow them to go home and breed more criminals."

Bid for support

The interview was itself an oddity. Officials in Britain are expected to avoid public comment on matters of policy, which is the preserve of the elected representatives — in this case, the Home Office Ministers.

With its open reference to a "silent majority" representing "98 per cent" of the country, the interview was an undisguised attempt to lobby public support for a change of penal policy over the heads of the politicians. The interview had been arranged some weeks earlier over an editorial lunch at "The Times" at which the police were guests. That it should have taken place on the day of the Blackpool shooting was fortuitous. But its effect could be read in the headlines for days afterwards.

A more thoughtful assessment of the statistics of violent crime in Britain suggests that, while violence

Seven in family murdered

PHOENIX, Arizona (UPI). — Seven persons in one family, four of them small children, were shot to death in a modest frame house Friday night in what was apparently the bloody climax of a domestic quarrel, police said.

A suspect was captured, scrambling over a fence in a nearby alley. He had been wounded twice and apparently shot himself, police said.

The dead were identified as the mother of the family, her five children, and the husband of her oldest daughter. They were shot down in their home by a man armed with two .38 calibre pistols, police said.

They were identified as Mrs. Novella Bentley, about 42; her pregnant daughter, Pamela, 17; Pamela's husband Frank Martin, 18; and Mrs. Bentley's children, Tracy, 11; Charlotte, 9 months; Adam, 2; and Tina, 8.

NEGEV FINDINGS ON SENNACHERIB



Mrs. Ora Plich, deputy director of the excavations at Tel Beir, shows an example of Assyrian palace ware, a unique terracotta bowl. (Ben-Adi photo)

By H. BEN-ADI

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA.

SENNACHERIB, King of the Assyrians in the seventh century B.C.E., defeated King Hezekiah and captured most of Judah, the coastal plain and part of the Negev, with the exception of Jerusalem. Additional proof for his conquest was discovered this summer in an archaeological excavation led by Dr. Gus van Beek, curator of old world archaeology of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington D.C. at Tel Beir in the Western Negev. The five-week dig ended August 20.

Dr. van Beek and his team uncovered an Assyrian vaulted room, made of mud bricks, with a mud brick floor, 2.60 metres by 2.40 metres, the first of its kind discovered in Israel. It contained a considerable amount of Assyrian "Palace ware," nearly all of it broken but reconstructable. One undamaged — and for Israel unique — piece was a terracotta bowl, 14 cm. in diameter and 6 cm. deep. Though most of the vaulted roof collapsed on the vessels, this one was found undamaged.

Dr. van Beek and his deputy director, Mrs. Ora Plich, now of Washington D.C. and originally from Haifa, last year excavated an area of 170 square metres at Tel Beir when they discovered a settlement dating to approximately 400 B.C.E. Before reaching the Assyrian vaulted room the archaeologists discovered a Persian granary of the fifth century B.C.E., 6.40 metres in diameter and 2.40 metres deep. The Persians cut through the Assyrian room to build the silo. A Canaanite stone pavement of the Late Bronze Age (1450-1200 B.C.E.) and sherds of the same period were also found.

Dr. van Beek believes the tel served during the Assyrian occupation as an administrative centre and the residency of a high official. Tel Beir lay astride the ancient trade route from Arabia and Egypt to the Mediterranean and a caravan road lead past Tel Beir to Khan Yunis and Gaza. The Assyrian official probably collected taxes from the caravans and from the grain harvest in the Western Negev.

Among the finds was an inscribed sherd of the seventh century B.C.E. containing three lines in Hebrew. The first line has two words "Kiai Dvash (honey vessel?)" The second was not deciphered and the third line contains the Hebrew name "Bar-Ziah." It also has the number "twenty" in Phoenician script. The sherd was presumably a receipt.

Dr. van Beek and Mrs. Plich.

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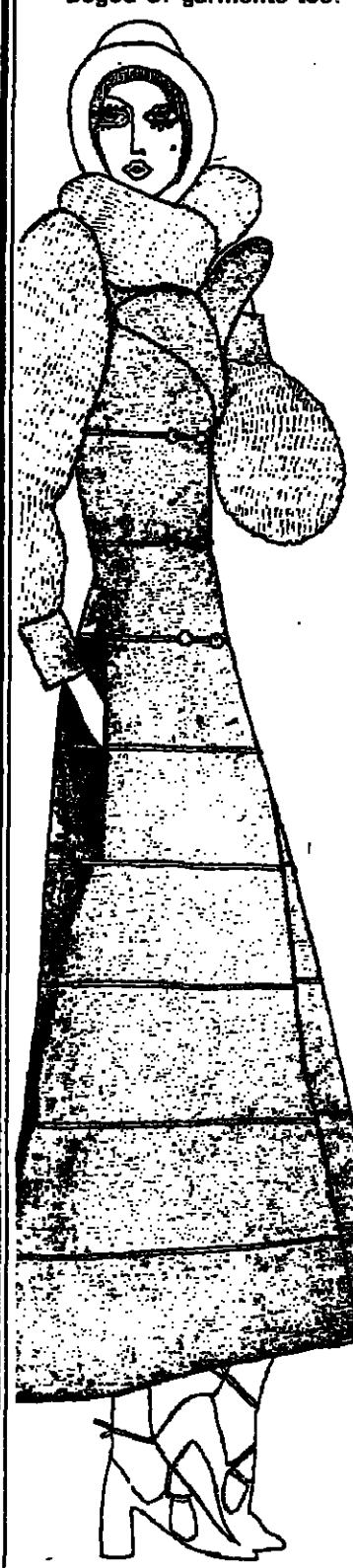
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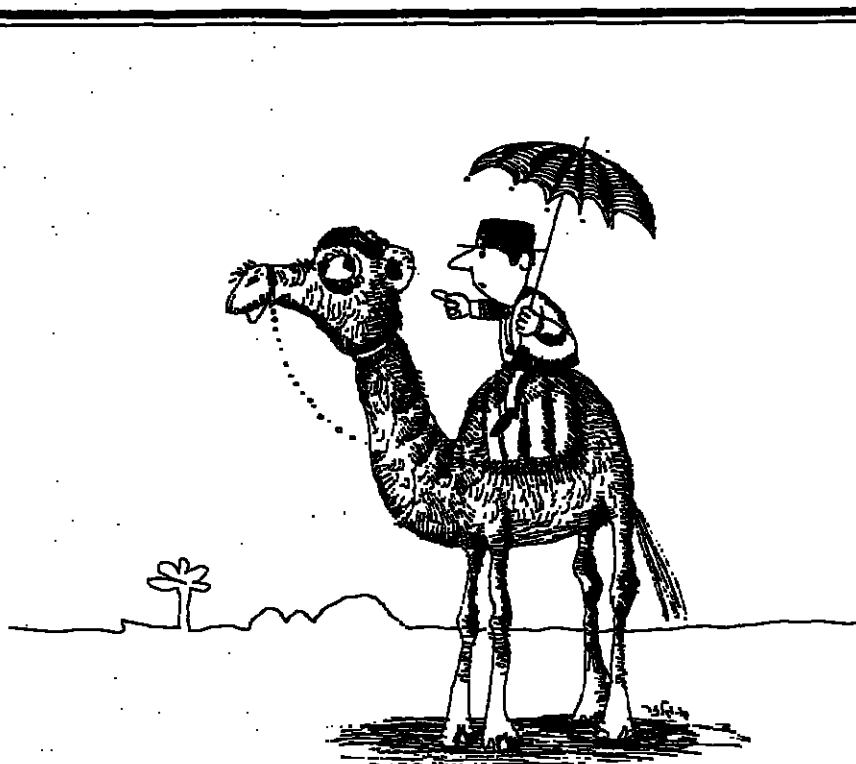
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Cabinet hears El Al foiled sabotage bids

The Cabinet yesterday heard a report on the recent two cases of attempted sabotage of El Al planes. The reports were given by Security Service officials, and the General Manager of El Al, Mr. Mordechai Ben-Ari.

The Cabinet Secretary, at his press briefing, declined to elaborate on the reports, and referred to Saturday night's brief Government statement. The latter announced that two attempts of sabotage, by use of innocent passengers, had been foiled.

The unidentified passengers were believed to have been girls — one Dutch and one from Peru — who had become friendly with Arabs in Europe and had unwittingly agreed to take with them to Israel suitcases containing explosives.

The official blackout on all news connected with the investigation of the security services into two attempts to blow up El Al planes remains in force, Deputy Commander Abraham Fleish, spokesman of police headquarters, told The Jerusalem Post. He added that "no other information, other than the original official announcement, has been released." All additional information offered as facts is "speculation."

It was not known when additional official information would be released.

HE WHO LAUGHS LAST

El Al circles also refused to comment on the investigation. However, they pointed out that when El Al started some years ago taking stringent precautions against hijacking, and other terrorist attempts, most foreign airlines viewed such actions with amusement. Today, they noted, every major airline in the world has adopted security precautions, many patterned on El Al's trail-blazing innovations. As a result, the number of American planes hijacked to Cuba has plummeted. (Strictest security still surrounds these precautions since to publicize them would greatly reduce their effectiveness.)

El Al noted yesterday that the overwhelming majority of its passengers asked to sign the special declaration on carrying packages whose contents were unknown to them did so with the utmost willingness. One company official noted that many passengers to and from Israel are burdened with "little packages" thrust upon them by relatives, friends and even stray acquaintances. Now the passengers have good reason to refuse to take these packages.

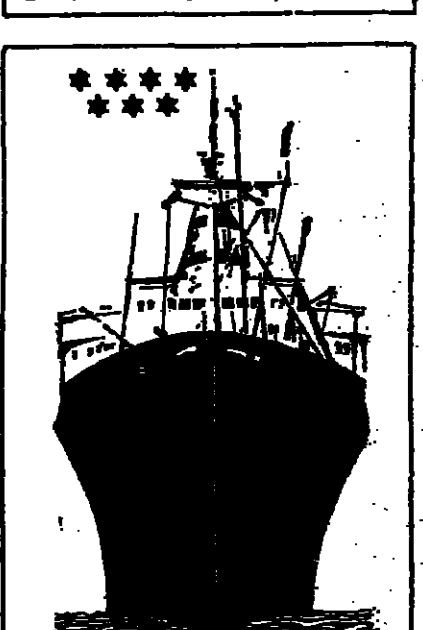
DEFENCE MINISTER Moshe Dayan is tonight due to open the jubilee rally of the Moshav Movement at Nahalal, the first moshav. Mr. Dayan was brought up in Nahalal. His speech will be followed by a pageant.

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The commander of the Thailand forces, General Surakig Maylarp, who arrived yesterday morning for a two-day visit as guest of the IDF, talking to Aluf David (Ludo) Elazar, chief of General Staff Branch. General Maylarp said he would study prospects of weapons purchases in Israel. (Rex)

Surkiss delays Rabbinate law despite P.M.'s appeal

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Knesset Interior Committee chairman Mordechai Surkiss is still dragging his feet about the Chief Rabbinate Elections Law draft, despite new and well-publicized pressure by Prime Minister Golda Meir to take the draft up without further delay. Mr. Surkiss insists on some progress in another Knesset Committee.

Mrs. Meir asked Mr. Surkiss to convene his Committee during the recess to prepare the draft for the second reading. (It passed its first reading, in outline form, just before the House rose). The Premier's request, which was made known through the Government Press Office, was explained by her wish that the draft become law when the winter session begins (at the end of next month), so that the Rabbinate Elections can be held "soon."

Mr. Surkiss told The Jerusalem Post that he had received Mrs. Meir's request; by phone as well as by letter. He had convened the Interior Committee several times during the recess already, he said, but not on Rabbinate business. He said he would bring Mrs. Meir's request to the attention of the Committee when it meets, "sometime in September, but probably not before Rosh Hashana."

There is no likelihood at all of the Rabbinate Elections Law having its second reading when the winter session starts, Mr. Surkiss told The Post. "It will be some time during the winter session, assuming that the Law, Constitution and Justice Committee also progresses with the second reading of the draft law for the Direct Election of Mayors."

The term of office of the Chief Rabbinate Council expires on January 31, 1972, after the fourth extension. In the light of Mr. Surkiss' announced intentions, it is difficult to see how the five months till January 31 will suffice for the Knesset to get the Chief Rabbinate Elections Law onto the statute book, and have the electoral college constituted in time to elect a new Chief Rabbinate Council. The solution will therefore probably be a fifth extension of the existing Council's term of office—something which Cabinet Minister and Knesset Members predicted unofficially when they voted the present extension.

Hazani to go before beit din to explain attitude on service for religious girls

By DAVID LANDAU

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Welfare Minister Michael Hazani has been ordered by a *beit din* to justify his participation in a ministerial committee which is to consider ways of enlisting girls exempt from call-up on religious grounds into other forms of national service. An order issued by the Jerusalem rabbinical court on the application of a local rabbi, Yitzhak Rosenthal, requires the Minister to reply within 30 days to the applicant's contention that, as the representative of an Orthodox party, he has no business to sit on the committee, since, national service by girls has been forbidden by halachic authorities.

The applicant had requested the court to expressly forbid Mr. Hazani from participating in the committee's deliberations until he had replied to the contention, but the court declined to do so. In any event, it would appear that the *beit din's* order carries only moral weight.

Rabbi Rosenthal served as personal secretary to the late Chief Rabbi of Jerusalem, Rabbi Zvi Pesach Frank, who was strongly opposed to national service for girls. Rabbi Rosenthal claims that the Government's current reactivation of the issue — more or less dormant for 17 years — is intended merely to divert the public's attention from its failure in economic policy. The Health Minister's contention that health hospitals are understaffed, and require volunteer girls to help out, is risible, he says, in the face of the recent protracted hospital strikes which the Minister was reluctant to break.

Rabbi Rosenthal's claim was heard by a Jerusalem *beit din* presided over by Rabbi Eliezer Waldenberg last Thursday, but Rabbi Rosenthal insisted that no publicity be given to the *beit din's* order. (Last night, however, Mr. Hazani had not yet received the order, and Rabbi Rosenthal did not know who had leaked the case to the press.)

Pleading for Rabbi Rosenthal was rabbinical lawyer Zvi Weiman, who last year applied to the *beit din* for an

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By YITZHAK OKED

Jerusalem Post Reporter

RISHON LEZION. — A two-day strike of some 600 local municipal workers — because of a dispute over a nameplate — ended yesterday with the adoption of a time-honoured compromise: A committee.

About a week ago the municipal workers committee affixed a plaque to their room in the Town Hall proclaiming it to be long to the Histadrut. Gahal Mayor Hananya Ghalstein ordered the plaque removed, pointing out that some staff members belong to the National Federation of Labour.

When the members of the works committee arrived on Friday morning to find their plaque gone, they called all 600 municipal workers (including school janitors and clerks) out on strike.

In the compromise reached yesterday, it was agreed that a committee be set up of city executives and employees to find an "acceptable formula" for a new plaque. The strikers said they would return to work in the meantime.

National Health draft ready for Cabinet

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Labour Minister Yosef Almog and Health Minister Victor Shemtov yesterday completed their draft of the proposed National Health Insurance Law, for presentation to the Cabinet in a few days' time.

According to the draft bill, which has been agreed on by both Ministries, all existing sick funds will be allowed to develop, but all will be under the control of a National Health Authority. The Authority will lay down uniform medical standards for all the existing sick funds, and all hospitals, which now are obliged to take patients from any funds.

The purpose of the proposed law is to cover the whole population by health insurance, but it is not clear at this stage how it will be implemented. The authority itself, of Health Ministry spokesman said yesterday, will be under the direct control of that Ministry.

Arab teachers in Negev say promises were not kept

By SUSAN BELLOS

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Education Ministry has undertaken to examine complaints of unfair treatment and broken promises by the Ministry submitted by 15 teachers who graduated this year from the Arab Teachers' Training College in Haifa and who should have started teaching in Negev Beduin schools on September 1.

The teachers, all men, are complaining that none of the verbal agreements between them and the Ministry have been carried out, and that the conditions in the schools that they have been assigned to make it impossible for them to teach there. They have accordingly gone on strike.

According to a delegation of teachers who visited The Jerusalem Post yesterday, 23 teachers were originally appointed without their consent and on an entirely arbitrary basis, to teach in Negev Beduin schools for two years. They were promised, they said, subsidized housing, travel expenses and income tax concessions. They were also promised, they said, that they would all be allowed to return to their own villages after two years. The Arab Department of the Ministry of Education promised these conditions, they said, "but refused to put them in writing."

WITHOUT TRANSPORT

Fifteen teachers eventually arrived in Beersheba on September 1 and had to find their own transport at all. They eventually arrived at the schools and found "huts without doors or windows, and in some schools, not even any blackboards."

As to accommodation, they were placed three to a one-room flat for which they were each being asked to pay IL40 a month, instead of what they claim was an earlier undertaking of IL15 a month.

They also say that the Ministry of Education told them on September 1 that they would not be eligible for any income tax concession, nor would they be allowed to teach in their own villages in two years' time. The delegation, which included three young men who all want to go on to further university studies, also complained that they would have to teach in schools where the headmasters "are only high school graduates."

A LETTER FROM ALLON

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Teachers and engineers here from North America

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Nearly 200 immigrants, 94 of them from North America, arrived yesterday in the m.m. Dan and Samsun. The American newcomers included 44 members of the free professions, 16 of them holding Ph.D. or master's degrees, among them a professor, teachers, physicians, engineers and social workers.

One of the newcomers, Dr. George Ohring, 40, a research meteorologist, told The Jerusalem Post that he had worked for NASA on research of planetary atmosphere. Using data from the U.S. and Russian space shots to Venus and Mars, he had studied their atmospheres. He is

South African cricketers due today

By JACK LEON

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The South African Maccabi cricket team is due here today for a one-month tour as guest of the Israel Cricket Association. The side is led by Rodney Falkson, present captain of Northern Transvaal.

The visitors begin their eight-match programme on Wednesday with a fixture against Northern Israel at Kibbutz Beit Ha'emek, near Nahariya.

Full Minister, of Beit Ha'emek, will captain the North XI. Also in the host team is Minister's clubmate Barney Greenberg, who will lead Israel in the first of her two "tests" against the South Africans, taking place at Carmiel on September 11 and 12.

The rest of north's team is: D. Bhorovka, E. Dan and N. Ramrajkar (all of Kiryat Ata); G. Cohen, H. Frankel and A. Jones (Beit Ha'emek); D. and H. Smith (Haifa), and J. Phillips (North Tel Aviv).

The South Africans' second game will be in Kiryat Ata on Thursday, when they meet a reinforced Northern XI led by Haifa's Jack Lief.

Other matches are scheduled for Jerusalem (on September 15), Petah Tikva, Ashdod (where the second "test" takes place on September 25-26) and Ashkelon.

Buses may get cleaner fuel

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

The Transport Ministry is examining the development of a new type of fuel for buses, which would reduce the pollutant effect of exhaust fumes. The new mixture will introduce certain gases into the diesel fuels and hopefully will eliminate the clouds of black fumes which follow the buses today.

Transport Minister Shimon Peres revealed this yesterday at a meeting held to mark the opening of a month-long drive to introduce cleanliness and courtesy in the buses in Jerusalem.

During the month, bus passengers will be asked to place their used tickets, with their names and addresses on the back, in small waste baskets installed in the buses. Each week, raffles will be held among these tickets and prizes will be awarded to the winners.

The operation is a joint effort of Egged, the Transport Ministry, the Council for the Beautification of Israel and the Municipality.

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joining the environmental sciences department of Tel Aviv University, subjects as satellite meteorology and to lecture and research on such planetary atmosphere.

Dr. Ohring, who has three sons, said that the NASA budget cutbacks had hit thousands of engineers. Many of the Jews among them would be interested in coming to Israel. He hoped that there was enough long-range planning here to avoid similar unemployment of engineers in case of a peaking-off of activities.

Among other newcomers from the U.S. were Prof. Shlomo Eldersberg, who will teach medieval history at Haifa University, and three engineers who will work with the Aircraft Industries.

A representative of the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel, Mr. Sam Blackman, welcomed the newcomers on board the Dan, on behalf of the Association.

Hadassah supports new Youth Aliyah programme

The annual convention of Hadassah, held last week in Cleveland, decided to allocate the sum of \$400,000 as its participation in the proposed Youth Aliyah Programme for deprived children in Israel.

The programme, Mr. Yosef Kiarman, head of Youth Aliyah told The Jerusalem Post on his arrival at Lod Airport last week, is intended to encompass 4,800 children.

All fares going up

By DAVID LENNON, Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

The price of taxi and railway fares, flights on Arkia, and charges for road haulage will all rise in the near future. Arkia fares will reportedly go up by 22 per cent, trucking charges by around 20 per cent, and taxi fares probably by a somewhat larger proportion.

Negotiations on these increases will open formally today following the Ministerial Economic Committee's decision to empower the Minister of Transport, in consultation with the Minister of Finance, to decide on the increases himself without needing to refer back to the Committee.

The Committee yesterday unanimously approved the prior agreement of the Ministers of Finance and Transport to raise bus fares by around 20 per cent from October 15. The exact increase in fares is 18.9 per cent for Egged and 22.2 per cent for Dan.

The cooperatives will also receive a one-time grant to cover increased costs. Egged will get IL11.26m. and Dan IL2.85m. A further sum of IL6.4m. will be paid to the two companies as compensation for not raising their fares on September 1. On top of this, the Government will continue to pay the companies the IL2m. monthly subsidy which they have been receiving since 1967. The Dan cooperative will also have a IL1.8m. Government loan given in 1968 converted into a grant.

These sums do not provide any compensation for the increased cost as a result of the devaluation. The cooperatives have been asked to absorb these increases, but the spokesmen of both companies said that they cannot possibly do so. This, of course, leaves the door open for new demands in the coming year. According to yesterday's decision the fares and subsidy structure will be re-examined in October, 1972.

The small regional bus companies will also be permitted to raise their fares by a proportional percentage and they too will receive Government compensation for keeping their prices down till the middle of October. Fares on the Carmiel in Haifa are to rise from 25 agora to 30.

Falafel costs a little more

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — This city's falafel vendors raised their prices again yesterday, but the increase was less than the 10 agorot per portion rise they cancelled 10 days ago at the Commerce Ministry's request.

The new prices are 38 agora for a half portion (formerly 35) and 75 for a full one, up from 70. Soldiers in uniform will be charged 70 ag. only. The prices were approved by the Price Controller, Dr. M. Mandelbaum, the Secretary of the Small Traders Association said.

However, it is expected that many buyers will not bother to wait for the two ag. change for the half-portion.

SAPIR

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dities, declared that he had suggested additional subsidies. IL18m. so as "not to leave the Histadrut empty-handed." In the end, an additional IL20m. in subsidies was agreed on. Part of these subsidies would go to low-income groups, he said. Their compensation therefore had been cut — with Histadrut agreement — from IL70m. to IL60m. a year.

Mr. Sapir said he still believed that the best way to compensate low-income groups was through direct payments and not by subsidies. This was the practice in the best-ordered of the affluent countries.

Mr. Sapir refuted allegations that in the days preceding devaluation large-scale transactions had taken place, resulting in speculative enrichment.

Aided by data from the Bank of Israel and the Treasury's Foreign Currency Control Division, he said the whoever received foreign currency allocations for imports, where the goods were ordered, or en route to Israel, or in port warehouses, had to pay a levy and did not profit by the difference in the exchange rate. No approvals were given for advance settling of debts abroad, and whoever tried to had been prevented from doing so.

Mr. Sapir said that since the "adjustment of the exchange rate" the term devaluation was not used in the report — there had been no acceleration of currency conversions. The pace remained the same as in previous months. This proved that the exchange rate chosen did not encourage quick conversions, something which would have created inflationary pressures, he said.

Reports on foreign currency transactions, he added, showed that in the "waiting period" (preceding devaluation) and in the fortnight afterwards there had been no far-reaching changes in the movement of foreign currency.

Chicago bank plans branches in Jerusalem, Haifa

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

The Exchange National Bank of Chicago is to open a branch in Jerusalem next year, according to Mr. Samuel W. Sax, President of the bank, on a visit from headquarters in Chicago.

The first Israel branch was opened in Tel Aviv in 1970. Local operations are headed by Mr. Avisszer Cheloucha, former Assistant Director-General of the Foreign Ministry. "The growth of our business during its first year has been, if anything, faster than predicted," Mr. Sax told the press in Jerusalem yesterday. Later, the bank plans to open a branch in Haifa as well.

A particular specialty is drumming up in partnership with Israel. A major investment in the field of defence, using a new technology, is to be announced soon. A non-Jewish American industrial cooperation will take part in what Mr. Sax describes as a "very exciting project."

The E.N.B.C. is a go-ahead, medium-sized banking house with \$310m. of deposits in the U.S., and representative offices in 230 places outside its home country.

GROCCERS STRIKE TOMORROW

TEL AVIV. — All of the country's 8,000 grocery stores organized in the General Merchants Association will be closed tomorrow to protest against the "campaign of public incitement" against them being carried out by the authorities, the Association confirmed yesterday. (The Histadrut's supermarkets and the Super-Sol chain, which are not members of the organization, will remain open as usual.)

The Association has charged that, following the devaluation, the authorities have deliberately turned their customers "into price-raising watchdogs," thus creating tension between shop-keeper and customer. The Association is also demanding that the grocery shops be allowed to earn higher profits.

Amidar rents frozen for year

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Minister of Housing has ordered Amidar to freeze its rents for a year. Mr. Yitzhak Mordechai told the Central Committee of the Histadrut here yesterday. The Histadrut had been protesting against the rises, which should have come into effect on October 1. Some 150,000 families are affected by the decision.

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Bonds busy, shares slack

Jerusalem Post Financial Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The stock market was irregular yesterday, and the turnover, which has been falling daily since the devaluation, continued to decline. Yesterday, it was IL429,200; of which, IL40,400 was in the variables. The general index of share prices rose by 0.16 per cent to stand at 143.56.

However, the turnover in bonds was still high, IL2,363,700; with dollar-linked bonds falling and Israeli-linked rising slightly. The investment dollar fell by two agora to IL4.26 — only six agora above the official rate of exchange — after \$180,000 was offered, and only \$118,000 was picked up.

In Rehov Lillienblum, the black market dollar was IL4.26-27, and the DM was IL1.26-28.

On the stock market itself, trading in Foreign Trade Bank was stopped yesterday, by the stock market management pending clarification of the situation regarding the establishment of the First International Bank of Israel, which is to absorb Foreign Trade.

The following rose in price: Ampa (4,800) by 2.5; Foreign Trade Investment (12,500) by 0.5; IDB preferred (5,000) by 2.5; General Mortgage (15,700) by one; Nehushat (19,500) by 2.5 to 88; Delek Bearer (9,000) by four; Central Trade (3,800) by one to 141, but in the variables it rose to 143, 144, 144.5, and finally to 145; Melamin (2,800) by three and Realco (5,200) by 4.5.

Although Teva Bearer (200) rose by two to 655, Teva Registered (100) fell by two to 635; Te'al (1,000) lost 2.5; Wolfson-Clore-Mayer IL10 Bearer (36,900) by 1.5; Discount Investment (10,800) by one; Electricity (11,900) by two to 515; IDB Ordinary (34,000) by two and Alliance (7,400) by 10 to 643.

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Compensation for low earners

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter
A tax-free payment of IL2.50 a month will be made from September 1 to wage earners whose income is less than IL650 a month under an agreement reached between the Treasury, Histadrut, National Insurance Institute and the Coordinating Committee of the Economic Organizations at a meeting with Labour Minister Yosef Almogi in Jerusalem last night. This payment is intended to serve as compensation to the poor for the price increases stemming from the devaluation and the new Government policy.

It was also decided to raise the children's allowances paid by the National Insurance Institute by IL5 a month for the third child, bringing the total up to IL22.50, and by IL2.50 for the fourth and subsequent children, making their allowances also IL22.50. The payment for the first two children remain unchanged at IL17.50 per child.

Pensions will be raised by approximately IL7 a month under the agreement, and it was also decided that compensation by a similar percentage will be paid to recipients of social welfare assistance.

The representatives of the employers gave an answer today as to whether they agree to execute the payments. In the light of the employers' attitude, Mr. Almogi announced that, from January 1972, all the National Insurance payments will be made directly by the Institute itself.

A new office, the Administration for Social Benefits, will be set up in the Institute to take the payments. Officials of the Institute say that the Administration will probably develop into a policy-making body.

The Ministerial Committee also ratified the agreement initiated last week-end to set up a new bank combining four existing banks, Foreign Trade, Kupat Am, Export, and Aguda. The new bank, probably to be called the First International Bank, will have 60 branches and will commence operations at the beginning of 1972.

M.K.s approve staple subsidies

The Knesset Finance Committee yesterday approved the Cabinet decision (also of yesterday) ratifying the agreement with the Histadrut restoring part of the subsidies on a number of basic commodities.

The Finance Committee noted, at the same time, that it was essential for the economy to have the IL300m. worth of subsidies gradually reduced. This could help close the social gap by channelling the subsidy funds to low income groups.

The Committee said it was essential that an efficient arrangement be set up to pay special grants directly to all low-income groups entitled to get the compensation. It urged that every effort be made over the next few days to see that the compensation grants, already decided upon, should actually be paid. The Cabinet members of the Finance Committee voted against these resolutions, preferring further cuts in subsidies, with more money going in direct relief to the poor.

Building iron duty reduced

The duty on imported building iron was cut by IL60 a ton yesterday. The price to builders will therefore rise by only 10 per cent, from IL740 a ton to IL800, according to the spokesman of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. The price of window glass will remain unchanged "because sufficient stocks are available," the spokesman said.

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Army replies to court-martial criticism Customs strike at bridges was 'breach of security'

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — The army's right to jurisdiction over civilian government employees in the administered areas was vigorously debated yesterday by both sides in press conferences and public statements.

The issue erupted on Friday, following the court-martialing of 26 customs officials at the Jordan River bridges for joining in a sympathy strike with their colleagues in other parts of the country. The 26 men received suspended sentences of 14 to 21 days.

Yesterday, the 26 officials reported to work as usual. The chairman of the customs workers national committee, Mr. Yitzhak Mann, said they did so "in the interests of national security."

However, in an emergency meeting held yesterday, representatives of government workers in Judea and Samaria expressed their "shock" at the court-martial, which they termed a "dangerous precedent." They said they would convene a general meeting of all civilian employees in the administered areas to demand a repeal of that section of the Military Jurisdiction Law applying to civilian workers in the territories and call for an "immediate redefinition" of their status. They said they would also demand that the sentences passed against their 26 colleagues on Friday be rescinded.

A less militant position was taken yesterday by Mr. Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, Secretary-General of the Histadrut. First of all, he said, the customs workers strike was "illegal" since it was not sanctioned by the Histadrut. Therefore, the action of the Jordan River workers was irresponsible, he said.

On the other hand, Mr. Ben-Aharon added, he found it "astonishing" that civilian personnel had been tried before a military tribunal without the Military Government contacting the Histadrut beforehand. The Histadrut's legal department has been asked to look into the issue, Mr. Ben-Aharon announced.

Mr. Haim Cohen, Secretary of the Civil Servants Union, told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that he had been informed about the court-martial only after they had taken place.

Countering the workers' complaints, Tat-Aluf Shlomo Gazit, coordinator of activities in the Areas and Mr. Yosef Clechoven, legal adviser to the Defence Ministry,

'Area' merchants in Amman to fight ban

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter
Representatives of Chambers of Commerce in Judea and Samaria arrived yesterday in Amman, on a mission aimed at getting the Arab League's threat to boycott their agricultural exports cancelled.

The delegation, headed by Mr. Hizi Milhis, of Nablus, met with Premier Wasfi e-Tal and a number of government officials in charge of economic affairs. The delegation will proceed to Cairo to present the memorandum to the Arab League and the Arab ambassadors in the Egyptian capital, challenging the League's claim that Israel products were being infiltrated through the administered territories to the Arab states.

Meanwhile, with this decline of trade between the administered areas and Jordan — whose borders with Syria and Iraq have remained closed since last month — the value of the Jordanian dinar in Judea and Samaria has been dropping on the free market to IL1.76, the official rate fixed following the recent devaluation of the Israeli Lira.

A number of Israel banks were yesterday reported from various towns in Judea and Samaria to have reduced their transactions with the dinar last week, in the fear that the official rate might be lowered further. The situation was said to have returned to normal by yesterday afternoon, however.

Galilee grocer killed in quarrel

ACRE. — A grocer in the nearby Arab village of Ra'na was murdered, and his sister badly wounded, when an apparently intoxicated customer walked into his shop and fired his pistol after a bitter argument, he alleged assailant, a man of 32, handed himself over to the police, along with his weapon.

The grocer, Atef Garais, 50, died in the Nahariya Government Hospital, where he was taken along with his sister Nahda, 17. Strong forces of police were rushed to the 3,000 population village of Ra'na, which is half Moslem and half Christian, for fear of a blood feud. (Itim)

Rogovin dispute still stalemated

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ASHDOD. — The stalemated dispute between the Rogovin plant management and the workers' shop committee seemed further than ever from settlement yesterday when workers' representatives failed to appear at an arbitration meeting called by the Histadrut Trade Union Department.

The plant has been shut down since August 25 when the management cut off the electricity in the production halls following two weeks of disturbances over the dismissal of 45 workers in the nylon fibres department. A settlement seemed to have been reached on August 31, when Labour Minister Yosef Almogi visited the town and persuaded the management to end its lockout, pending arbitration of the dispute by the Histadrut.

This agreement, however, broke down after the shop committee insisted, as a prior condition, that all 45 workers be reinstated immediately. The management had laid off the workers when the department was closed down for lack of orders and after they refused to be transferred to another branch.

told a press conference here yesterday that the decision to try the 26 employees was taken after consultations on the highest level at the Finance Ministry and the Civil Service Commission.

Under government regulations, they pointed out, civilian personnel in the territories are considered staff officers, subject to military regulations. This principle, announced in October, 1968, was reaffirmed last year by the various parties concerned, including the Civil Servants Union, they said.

"We have agreed with the Civil Servants Union and the Government that we shall not press for military jurisdiction in offences not directly connected with breach of security," Tat-Aluf Gazit continued. "A person suspected of murder or of a traffic

J'lem young to demand housing K. Malachi youths to settle in Sinai

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

Leaflets calling on young couples, parents without financial means, youngsters about to get married, and everybody who cares about the housing problems of young couples to gather for a demonstration at Jerusalem's Menora Square at 8:30 tomorrow were distributed all over the Capital yesterday.

The demonstration is being organized by the Jerusalem Young Couples Association in cooperation with the Building Workers-Young Couples Association, the non-party Organization for Justice and Equality, and the Organization of the Israel Born.

The leaflet demand a clear policy for solving the problems of young couples and of bad housing conditions in general.

Month's jail for riot when refused kiss

TEL AVIV. — A Nablus man, Faisal Abu Rizik, 23, would not take "no" for an answer, when he asked the proprietress of a Jaffa cafe for a kiss. When he was rebuffed, he ran amok, smashed bottles, broke glasses and shattered a washbowl in his rage.

Magistrates' Court Judge Israel Carmel sentenced Rizik to a month behind bars, in view of the fact that he had a record of previous convictions. (Itim)

Motorcyclists win round in fight against helmets

The High Court of Justice yesterday issued an order nisi calling on the Minister of Transport to show cause why he should not refrain from signing the new regulation making the wearing of safety helmets mandatory for motorcyclists in city streets. If he has already signed them, the order calls on him to explain why the regulations should not be rescinded.

The application was submitted by four motorcycle owners, who claim that the Minister of Transport does not have the proper authority — under the Road Transport Law — to issue such a regulation. They also state that the requirement to wear safety helmets in the cities would deprive them of the right to use their vehicles "for enjoyment and pleasure" and that they would be forced to use public transport instead. (Itim)

Tractor driver killed at wheel

BEERSHEBA. — An 18-year-old driver from Kibbutz Dvir, Avi Borovsky, was fatally injured on Saturday evening on the Lahav-Dvir road near here, when the tractor he was driving overturned. He died in the Central Negev Hospital at Beersheba.

Borovsky belonged to a Hashomer Hatzair group on agricultural training at Dvir.

Rachel Bieher, 71, of Holon, who was seriously injured in a road accident last week, died at home on Saturday afternoon. She was knocked down on September 1 by a scooter while crossing the road near her house. (Itim)

Prisoner rushes woman prosecutor

TEL AVIV. — A man being tried for rioting in an Employment Exchange riot once again in the Magistrates' Court yesterday. Salim Mirzahi rushed at the woman Police Prosecutor, Mrs. Tamar Gur, shouting that he would kill her. He was only prevented and overpowered, thanks to the rapid intervention of Court clerk Yosef Ehabut, who blocked him and called the Court Police.

Judge Menahem Ilan was hearing the case, and Mrs. Gur was presenting her witnesses when Mirzahi got into a rage, and tried to attack her.

Mirzahi was arrested, and Judge Ilan ordered him sent for mental observation. (Itim)

1,000 SDEBOT FACTORY workers held a peaceful demonstration outside the local Histadrut HQ yesterday afternoon to protest against "prices rising, while wages are frozen."

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offence, for example, would never be tried before a military court. Moreover, we have never interfered when civilian Military Government personnel staged strikes — although we were not happy about it — as long as the strikers were not engaged in security operations."

In the case of the customs officers, Tat-Aluf Gazit went on, the case was entirely different. "Customs inspection on the bridges is basically a security search. Attempts have been made in the past to smuggle in explosives, ammunition or messages. Every piece of paper is scanned before goods are allowed in. To leave a security gap on the bridges, for whatever reason, is a grave breach of security — and it is for that reason that the customs officers were tried."

He is due to meet Foreign Minister Abba Eban, Communications and Transport Minister Shimon Peres, and senior army officers. Posters protesting against the visit have been pasted up prominently on hoardings throughout Tel Aviv. They are headed: "Schroeder, der persona non grata" and have been issued by the joint committee of the Organizations of Former Partisans, Ghetto Fighters, Concentration Camp Victims and Deportees.

The posters deplore the fact that the Government found fit to invite "a former Nazi" to Israel. "He was a member of the Nazi Party from 1933, so no excuse of pressure can be made. He joined the S.A. Storm Troopers right from the start, and served in their ranks for many years. His presence here is a sacrilege to the memory of the Jewish victims of his old party."

The posters noted that Schroeder, when a member of the Federal Cabinet, pursued the most virulent anti-Israel stand of all Ministers, Mr. Eban suggested.

and even opposed the symbolic gesture of sending gas masks to Israel during the Six Day War.

Speaking on television's "Moked" programme last night, Mr. Eban admitted that he was not personally familiar with Dr. Schroeder's background, but said that none among those who were better informed had suggested that his record had disqualified Dr. Schroeder from being invited.

Mr. Eban described him as a representative of the West German establishment with which Israel had been trying to cement friendly relations. Israel's policy, Mr. Eban noted, was to develop friendly ties with Germany without ever forgetting the horrors of the past.

The Foreign Minister conceded that the chairman of the Bundestag's Foreign Relations Committee had not always been in sympathy with Israel's viewpoint, or even with his own Government's line on Israel, but that, too, was not a sufficient disqualification of Dr. Schroeder, Mr. Eban suggested.

Place found for Beit Hayeled pupils; Municipal depts. blamed for mess

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Municipality last night announced a compromise agreement with parents from the Beit Hayeled School that will enable the children to begin studies tomorrow.

Under the agreement, the first four grades will study at Beit Hayeled, in the German Colony, until the first stage of repair work is completed at Beit Hayeled. Fifth to eighth grades will study at the Cremlux School near Mahane Yehuda.

However, a member of the parents committee said the agreement was conditional on Mayor Kolek's personally visiting the Cremlux School today and guaranteeing that the sanitary facilities will be repaired by tomorrow.

The settlement of the dispute came at 8:30 p.m. last night after some 75 parents demonstrated outside the Town Hall.

The parents had rejected the Municipality's offer to distribute the children between Beit Hanoor Haivri (Y.M.H.A.) in Katamon and the Cremlux School. The former building, they said, did not have eight suitable classrooms as the Municipality claimed, but only four. As to the Cremlux school, they said, its clogged sanitary facilities made the building unfit for use.

The parents committee, which met with Mayor Teddy Kolek in his office, suggested two alternative buildings — Beit Hayeled and the Mitchell School near Gan Hanassi in Talbich. Both buildings are owned by the Histadrut.

Mr. Kolek said he would order the facilities at the Cremlux School to be repaired today. He drove with the parents' committee to the Y.M.H.A. to investigate their contention that there was insufficient classroom space.

GADISH BLAMED

As the Mayor and the committee made their way to their cars through the demonstrators' shouts of the parents called out "Gadish, resign," a reference to Deputy Mayor Yosef Gadish, who is in charge of education.

The Mayor had earlier ordered sandwiches and drinks to be offered to the waiting parents on the street. Meanwhile, a committee appointed by Mayor Kolek to investigate the circumstances by which extensive repairs were ordered at Beit Hayeled School began just two weeks before the beginning of the school term issued a report yesterday critical of both the Municipality's Department and the Municipal Education Department. The committee noted that the tender for the repair work was issued on July 17 and approved by the Municipal Council August 15. It took to task Mr. Brandes, head of the city engineer's construction department, for issuing the go-ahead order to the contractor without taking into consideration "all aspects of the problem."

"In our opinion, the order to execute the work should not have been given without consultation with the education department."

The committee also faulted the

Schroeder, former German Foreign Minister, arrives

Jerusalem Post Staff

Former West German Foreign Minister Dr. Gerhard Schroeder, who is currently chairman of the Bundestag on behalf of his Christian Democratic Party, arrived by air yesterday for a day-long visit by Luft Hansa. He was accompanied by Mrs. Schroeder, and Dr. Hermann Jung, the secretary of his Committee.

Dr. Schroeder was greeted by the West German Ambassador, Dr. Jesco von Fritsch, and Foreign Ministry officials. Israeli security men were strongly in evidence at the airport.

Dr. Schroeder noted that he was coming on his first visit to Israel, after having been invited as chairman of the Bundestag Committee, by the Israel Government. Declining to answer questions, he said in a short statement to the press that he hoped to see Israel's development with his own eyes, and get to know its current problems better.

He is due to meet Foreign Minister Abba Eban, Communications and Transport Minister Shimon Peres, and senior army officers.

Posters protesting against the visit have been pasted up prominently on hoardings throughout Tel Aviv. They are headed: "Schroeder, der persona non grata" and have been issued by the joint committee of the Organizations of Former Partisans, Ghetto Fighters, Concentration Camp Victims and Deportees.

The posters deplore the fact that the Government found fit to invite "a former Nazi" to Israel. "He was a member of the Nazi Party from 1933, so no excuse of pressure can be made. He joined the S.A. Storm Troopers right from the start, and served in their ranks for many years. His presence here is a sacrilege to the memory of the Jewish victims of his old party."

The posters noted that Schroeder, when a member of the Federal Cabinet, pursued the most virulent anti-Israel stand of all Ministers, Mr. Eban suggested.

and even opposed the symbolic gesture of sending gas masks to Israel during the Six Day War.

Speaking on television's "Moked" programme last night, Mr. Eban admitted that he was not personally familiar with Dr. Schroeder's background, but said that none among those who were better informed had suggested that his record had disqualified Dr. Schroeder from being invited.

Mr. Eban described him as a representative of the West German establishment with which Israel had been trying to cement friendly relations. Israel's policy, Mr. Eban noted, was to develop friendly ties with Germany without ever forgetting the horrors of the past.

The Foreign Minister conceded that the chairman of the Bundestag's Foreign Relations Committee had not always been in sympathy with Israel's viewpoint, or even with his own Government's line on Israel, but that, too, was not a sufficient disqualification of Dr. Schroeder, Mr. Eban suggested.

School protests in Petah Tikva, K. Ata

PETAH TIKVA. — Dozens of parents from the outlying suburbs here demonstrated outside the Town Hall yesterday, demanding that their children be allowed to learn in downtown schools, where the standard is considered high, and not confined to the suburbs, where children of Yemenite parents allegedly reduced scholastic achievements.

In Kiryat Ata, some 15 mothers demonstrated to protest the fact that their children were forced to study in prefabs. Several dozen pupils tried unsuccessfully to quit classes to join them. (Itim)

Panthers freed despite suspicion of robbery

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The three Panther leaders who were remanded in custody on Friday morning in connection with the theft of jewellery from the apartment of Panther supporter Dr. Naomi Kien were released yesterday morning. According to Chief Superintendent Avraham Turge-man, of the Jerusalem Police, Saadya Marciano, Charlie Biton and Eli Abigezer were still under suspicion for the robbery, but the police did not see any point in keeping them in custody for the time being. The Panthers, he said, in reply to a question, were not the only ones under suspicion.

Mr. Turge-man added that the cases against all the Panthers charged with breaking the law in their last demonstration would be coming up "in the next few days." He denied that Marciano had been beaten while in custody over the weekend and said "He made a scene when his mother came to visit him, and we had to hold him down."

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Gerhard Schroeder at Lod Airport yesterday.



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Lod Airport	24	24	24
Jericho	24	24	24
Qana	24	24	24
Beersheba	24	24	24
Eilat	24	24	24
Tiran Straits	24	24	24

ARRIVALS

Miss Malissa Hayden, from New York, for a week's visit during which she will take a ballet class.

Mr. Gherard van der Werf, President of Variety International, Mr. George Hoover, General Secretary, and Mr. Trevor Shenn, Deputy Secretary, of the Israel Variety Club.

DEPARTURES

The Director-General of the Communications Ministry, Mr. Shlomo Soroker, for several European countries, on official business.

Dr. Lusek Galtner, director of Asaf Harofa Hospital, for a week, to lecture at the Gazi University, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio, U.S.A.

Guatemala will back Israel at the U.N.

LOD AIRPORT. — Guatemala's Ambassador to the U.N., Dr. Rafael Castillo Valdes, said here yesterday that, in view of the very warm ties of friendship prevailing between his country and Israel, it could definitely be assumed that his delegation would continue to support Israel at the U.N. Dr. Valdes was concluding a seven-day visit as guest of the Foreign Ministry.

From his talks at the airport, Dr. Castillo Valdes said, he had seen the atmosphere of tranquility and the friendly relations between Israel and Guatemala. He appreciated Israeli technical assistance in a range of spheres, he said.

Police officers Interpol meeting

Police Inspector-General Ephraim Koppel left yesterday for Ottawa, to attend a week-long conference of Interpol. He was accompanied by Deputy-Commander Meir Kaplan, head of the Criminal Identification Division.

The conference will deal with subjects of particular interest to the Israel Police, and in which it has gained considerable expertise. These are drug law enforcement, air travel security, technical assistance to the police of developing countries, and anti-counterfeiting measures.

During Mr. Koppel's absence, his duties will be assumed by Commander Shaul Rosolio, head of the Organization Department.

TODAY'S POSTBAG

ZALMAN ABANNE Square will be dedicated in the Ramat Hashikol quarter of Jerusalem at this morning, in memory of the late Minister of Education.

A GROUP of 150 Hebrew school pupils from South Africa arrived yesterday morning on a three-month work-study programme.

CANADIAN PACIFIC AIR this morning introduces special youth fares for those between the ages of 12 and 24. The new fares on the Tel Aviv-Montreal or Toronto routes will be \$397 return in the high season summer months, and \$345 in the other nine months of the year. The young travellers will be entitled to one stop-over in each direction.

Soviet economic mission in Cuba

HAVANA (APF). — Deputy Soviet Premier Vladimir Novikov arrived here over the week-end at the head of a mission of Government trade officials and Communist Party keymen.

A joint statement issued here in the Cuban capital last night said that Cuba and the Soviet Union were seeking new paths towards economic, technical and scientific cooperation. The mission is holding talks on the mechanism of the Cuban sugar cane harvest, and the harnessing of new sources of energy to produce power in Cuba.

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